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Hospital layoffs deeper than staff expected

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Minden Hospital staff are "shocked" by staff cuts they say are far more severe than they had been led to anticipate by management.

In all, 10 full-time and two part-time positions were eliminated as of Friday when parent hospital St. Joseph's cut back the operating hours at Minden's emergency room by four hours to 12 hours a day.

Five of the full-time employees were given early retirement packages, while the other six full-timers and the two part-time workers were laid off indefinitely.

Though the employees were issued lay-off notices in June, the decision on which jobs would actually be lost "was up in the air" right up until Thursday afternoon — the day before the layoffs were to take effect, said Registered Nurse Gwen Hewitt, president of CUPE Local 2787, which represents the workers.

"There's a lot of hostility and anger and shock, I guess you could say, (among the employees), because there have been a lot of positions disappear that we didn't know of at all," she said.

As well as the Registered Practical Nurses, one RN and dietary and maintenance staff let go, both of the hospital's part-time clerical workers were laid off, raising the question of who will be expected to answer the phones and do all the paperwork.

"I suspect it will be the nurses," answers Hewitt. "The big question is who will do all the clerical work because I can tell you it won't be the nurses."

Laying off the clerical staff is one of the cost-saving measures management had never alluded to during prior negotiations, she maintained.

Facing a deficit of at least $100,000 this fiscal year, Foster Loucks, executive director of the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals, said management has been forced to spend its resources where it counts the most — patient care.

"Where Gwen (Hewitt) has concerns and, frankly, where I have some concerns too, is that we decided not to have any clerical workers," he said. "I've got concerns about whether the

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Cuts needed to get out of the hole: Hodgson

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The only way Ontario can dig itself out of a financial hole where it spends $1-million an hour more than it takes in is to chop government spending by pushing schools, municipalities and hospitals to re-examine the way they do business, says Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson.

Last week, Finance Minister Ernie Eves delivered the shove they've all been bracing themselves for, announcing $6-billion in funding cuts over the next three years.

"Every organization in society — the private sector has already had to do this — is being forced to re-think how they operate to become more cost-effective ... They have to restructure the way they offer services," Hodgson said Saturday, three days after Eves' economic statement in the Legislature.

Eves acknowledged the "human cost" the spending cuts will exact across the province over the coming years as the Tories try to balance their budget.

But the price would be higher, if the province's present deficit situation was left as is, he said.

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WINTER JUMPS THE GUN

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Winter may not officially begin for close to three weeks, but don't try to pass that off on any of the Highlanders who spent last Tuesday morning digging out from under 35 centimetres of snow.

Add to that 18 other days in November when there were measurable amounts of snow — more than two tenths of a centimetre — and people can be forgiven for believing winter has arrived a bit too early.

"It's certainly been the hardest winter this fall," says Haliburton's resident weather watcher, Jim Elstone. "It's the old story: The first day of winter and the first winter's day don't always equate to be the same thing."

For those who go by the calendar, the first day of winter won't actually arrive until December 22.

But for those who go by what's piled up in their driveways, overflowing from their satellite dishes and covering their cars almost every morning, winter's here.

The 35-cm dump of snow that fell on the Highlands over 25 hours last Monday and Tuesday wasn't a

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DIGGING THEIR WAY OUT: Last Tuesday's big snow storm gave people lots to do. Top, Eric Smith uses his snowblower to be able to leave his Hwy. 121 home. Just a few kilometres east, Dysart road crews clear off the abundance of snow.

Movie has Highlands connection

There's one movie that Terry Barclay of Wilberforce will definitely be watching. Not only does it tell a semi-fictionalized story about his granddaughter-in-law, Silken Laumann, but it also features two of his grandsons – one on screen and one as part of the story. Mr. Barclay's grandson, John Wallace, who first learned how to row at the family's Koshlong Lake cottage, won a gold medal in men's rowing in the Seoul Olympics. A short time later, he married Silken, who had embodied the spirit of the Olympics by overcoming great hardships to win a bronze medal. The couple now lives in British Columbia, and she is training for next year's Olympics in Atlanta. A movie is being made of her rise to the top of Canada's sporting world and of course, the movie has to mention her marriage to John. Because he too won a medal, the producers have decided to use his real name in the movie, although he's not actually in it. However, John's real-life brother, David, is an actor in B.C. and he will be portraying one of his brother's friends. We're not sure when the movie will come out but we'll try to let you know. Friends of Mr. Barclay will be pleased to hear he's recuperating very well at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Moira and Jack Wallace, in Burlington.

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

News about people and events in Haliburton County

Drivers who want to find out about road conditions should not call the police, but rather call the Ministry of Transportation at 1-800-268-1376. When people call police looking for road information, it ties up their lines and could cause delays in service to those who need assistance.

While it may be the festive season, drivers should be reminded not to drink and drive. Detachments in the OPP's central region will be operating random RIDE spotchecks throughout December in an effort to keep impaired drivers off the road. Last weekend six people were charged with impaired driving by RIDE units in the OPP's central division.

Sir Sandford Fleming College's eco-tourism program invites people to a seminar about how eco-tourism has paid off in New Zealand. The slide show and discussion begins at 7:30 at Deer Lodge on North Kashagawigamog Lake Road. There's no fee.

Although there were a lot (too many?) of them, November's snowfalls didn't break records

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record-breaker, says Elstone, whose records go back to 1888.

There have been plenty of similar snowfalls over the years, but "people's memories are short" and they tend to believe the most recent storm is the worst, he says.

However, lower than normal temperatures throughout November meant an "unusual amount" of snow has remained on the ground.

As of Nov. 29, there was 40-cm layer of snow blanketing the county, which is more than 10-cm deeper than usual for November, said Elstone

Average temperatures for November run to a daily high of 2°C and a nightly low of about -5°C to -8°C.

But this November, temperatures rose to an average high of just 1C and dipped to an average nightly low of -8°C to -9°C.

And Wednesday, the temperature dropped to a low of -25.5°C, making it the coldest Nov. 29 in Elstone's records.

Aside from the heavy accumulation of snow and lower than normal temperatures, November also saw a record-breaking amount of rain fall in just over a day.

During a 29-hour span from Nov. 10-12, Haliburton County was drenched in 76-mm of rain.

The downpour, which washed out roads and caused overflowing streams to flood homes, was an all-time record-breaker for November.

Combining all the snow and rain last month, the Highlands saw the equivalent of 180.6-mm of precipitation, making it the wettest November since 1982 when there was 206.6-mm of precipitation, said Elstone.

Traditionally, there is only about 80-mm of precipitation in November.

And last month's wet weather came on the heels of an equally damp and drizzly October.

Elstone reports this past October, which had 177.4-mm of precipitation, was the wettest since October 1955 when 182.9-mm of precipitation doused the county.

Hopefully such a nasty fall isn't a sign of the "real winter" that is still to come.

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TORIES' MINI BUDGET

School board waiting to know what hit it

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Board of Education knows it took a hit in the province's $400-million funding cuts to school boards last week.

Now it's trying to figure out how hard.

For months, board administrators and trustees have been bracing themselves for a potentially crushing body blow by the Tories, who have been warning them of deep cuts and a need for radical change.

To show it wasn't making idle threats, the province chopped $32-million in transfer payments to school boards in August as part of a $1.9-billion package of cutbacks. Haliburton's share of the cutting was about $40,000.

Since then ,the board has been waiting with dread for the second part of the promised one-two combination punch.

But after Finance Minister Ernie Eves' economic statement Wednesday, board business administrator Jim Bradley was left wondering whether the province had landed a glancing blow or if the minor bruising was only a sign of deeper injuries yet to rise to the surface.

The $400-million the province plans to pare from its school board grant payments translates to an overall cut of 9.9 per cent.

But the individual grant cut per board will vary. Just how much each will lose has been left up in the air.

And that's what frustrates Bradley. He and the rest of the board had been expecting the province to provide concrete details about the cuts so the board could "get on with its life" and begin planning next year's budget around the revenue reduction.

Should the board only lose the overall average of about 10 per cent, it would consider itself fortunate. Last year, the province chopped Haliburton's transfer payments by about 25 per cent, or $700,000, to $2.2-million.

The province is expected to detail the exact nature of the cuts later this month.

Until then, Bradley and the rest of the board members are in the dark.

"To be honest, I don't know what the heck this means to us," Bradley said the day after Eves' announcement. " ... I was disappointed in what he had to say. If it's bad news I'd just as soon hear it now rather than later."

Regardless of the size of the cuts per board, Eves said he doesn't want them to simply pass on the hit to property owners with tax hikes.

"The government fully expects school boards to meet this reduction by cutting costs outside the classroom and without increasing the tax burden on local ratepayers," he said.

Eves said the Ministry of Education would announce in January a number of "tools" school boards could use for restructuring, but did not offer specifics.

Exactly what the "tools" are will determine whether the board can both protect taxpayers from further increases and cut costs outside the classroom, said Bradley.

Should they include measures to enable school boards to roll back teachers' salaries, the board would have an easy job of absorbing the grant cuts, he said.

However, the board has no idea if this is one of the tools Eves may introduce or anything else the province has in mind.

Aside from spending cuts, Eves also announced Minister of Education John Snobelen will work with "the education community to make the school system more effective, more equitable, more accountable and less expensive."

Despite the fact that Ontario spends 10 per cent more on education than any other province, "parents are still not happy with what they're getting," he said.

Eves said parents should be given more effective opportunities to become involved in their children's education through local school councils.

As well, he said standardized tests "and the use of new technologies and management" will help establish a school system Ontarians want.

WINDOW CONTEST WINNERS

Country Pickins and McKeck's Place were joint winners of The Echo's $100 decorated window contest. At top is Gail Perrin (left) of Country Pickins with the contest judge, Italian exchange student Giuliana Coss. Below, Walt McKechnie and staff pose with their winning window, which includes a photo some former NHL'ers missing their incisors under a banner that says "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth"!

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Few areas left untouched by cuts

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"Change can have a human cost. Our government understands that," Eves said. "But it also understands the human cost of not changing, as previous governments have done. There is no time for delay."

The province has to pay close to $9-billion per year just on the interest to cover its debt of nearly $100-billion, said Eves.

If the interest costs continue to grow at the rate they have over the past five years, they will reach $20-billion by the end of the decade.

Eves said the government can't expect the taxpayers to shoulder the burden of rising costs and cannot afford to borrow any more money. Instead it must chop its own overspending and funding levels.

Some of the $6-billion in cost-cutting initiatives which directly affect the Highlands are:

- A 47 per cent transfer payment cut to municipalities split over 1996-97 and 1997-98 for a total reduction of $658-million from its budget of $1.4-billion. Municipalities will be told by the end of the year exactly how much they will each lose over the next two years. Municipalities will be given the right to charge a wide range if user fees for various services to try to recover lost revenue, rather than hiking property taxes.
- Transfers to school boards will be reduced by about 10 per cent, or $400-million, to $4-billion in 1996-97.
- Colleges will receive cuts of 15 per cent, or $120-million, to $689-million. Colleges can boost their fees by 15 per cent.
- Hospitals will lose $1.3-billion in transfers over the next three years through payment reductions of four per cent, or $365-million, in 1996-97, five per cent, or $435-million, in 1997-98 and six per cent, pr $507-million, in 1998-99. The province plans to put some of the money it saves back into health care, including $25-million for kidney dialysis, $15.5-million for expanded emergency paramedic services and increased spending on medical costs for Ontario residents travelling out of the country.
- The Jobs Ontario Community Action Program was eliminated, cutting out the need to spend $190-million over the next two years.
- Loans to and grants to business totaling $230,000-million will be slashed.

To provide municipalities, school boards and hospitals the "tools" to cope with their cuts, the Tories have written up a mammoth bill, said to make changes to 44 acts.

The bill is intended to be passed on Dec. 14.

Eves promised the province will ensure "fair distribution" of physicians between rural and urban health care services.

The bill reportedly will allow government to give OHIP billing numbers only to new doctors willing to practice in rural Ontario.

Hodgson confirmed the bill would give the province that ability, but noted, "We hope we never have to use that."

It will also make it easier for municipalities to amalgamate to save costs.

All of the province's cost-saving measures are designed to break down job creation barriers, such as government overspending, high taxes and deeper debt, said Hodgson.

"The most important thing is that people have money in their pockets to spend in their community's economy," he said.

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Cuts push county towards restructuring

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Municipalities in Haliburton County have been issued a wake-up call by the province to pick up their feet and do something they've been talking about for decades, say local leaders.

Finance Minister Ernie Eves' announcement that overall transfer payments to municipalities will be cut by 47 per cent over the next two years was heard loud and clear as a message for the county to move quickly towards amalgamation.

Or else.

"We've got a window of opportunity of two years to restructure and then it's pretty well going to be forced on us," speculated Snowdon reeve George Simmons.

"The province is clearly saying we don't want to dictate this thing, we don't want to tell you how to restructure, but let's get on with it," said Sherborne et al reeve and county warden Ross Rabjohn.

To deal with the massive cuts they face, Eves promised municipalities much more flexibility.

The same day as his economic statement, the government tabled a huge bill, to be passed Dec. 14, that will, in part, make it easier for municipalities to amalgamate or separate to save money.

It will also give them the ability to charge user fees for a variety of services.

Politicians have been talking about stripping down the county's burdensome system of government for years, said Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey.

He remembers a motion adopted by county council in 1973 to restructure to just four municipalities from the existing 10.

Since then, he said, there has been a lot of talk about amalgamating and eliminating duplication, but not nearly enough action.

"County council has a got a short time, in my view, to get together and see where we can begin restructuring," he said. "... I think we've got a window of opportunity now to do something positive."

This Wednesday and Thursday, county councillors will be gathering at Birch Point Lodge as part of a strategic planning process.

Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson said it is important for municipal governments, like business and all other organizations, to restructure and streamline their operations.

But he wouldn't say whether he believed it is necessary for Haliburton's municipalities to amalgamate to cope with their lost revenue.

"I have confidence in the people locally elected to do whatever they think is best for the county," he said. "At the same time, I realize, as I know they do, that people can't take anymore tax increases."

"The province is clearly saying 'let's get on with it'"

As the county moves toward restructuring, it may be necessary for some municipalities to take drastic measures over the next year or two to absorb their transfer decreases without hiking taxes.

Layoffs, fewer hours for some municipal employees and reduced or eliminated services are all possibilities.

Municipalities will also take a look at charging user fees for various services.

On top of the overall spending cut of 47 per cent to municipalities (23 per cent in 1996-97 and 24 per cent in 1997-98), Eves announced the province will completely cut funding to municipal recycling programs over the next two years and will chop in half support to public libraries.

Dysart council will examine charging people user fees for dropping off garbage at local landfills and playing baseball at the municipality's diamonds, said Fearrey.

He said the municipality has not made any decisions regarding either option, but noted, "that's the kind of thing that's going to have to be looked at."

Fearrey said Dysart will "positively" have to layoff some employees in order to get by with less.

"I don't want to say there's going to be mass layoffs because there won't be. But there will be some and there's no question about that. And there's going to have to be some contracting out where there's been none before," he said.

Though the exact amount each municipality will lose hasn't been determined, Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon estimates her municipality will lose about $110,000 next year and a little more the year after that.

And while the municipality is in "fairly stable situation" presently, with a healthy reserve and no major expenditures on the horizon, the grant loss will still take a toll.

"A reduction in services is something that people might have to get used to, though I'm not threatening that in any way at this point," she said.

Municipalities welcomed Eves' announcement that transfers for roads, unconditional grants and transportation assistance would be lumped together in one block fund, enabling them to determine for themselves how much they can spend and where.

Though it will be difficult to absorb the funding cuts, Fearrey agrees with the direction the province is taking.

"I know there are a lot of people out there who think this is cruel, but we can't just keep on spending," he said

The days of municipalities, his own including, simply taking money from the province because it is there are over, said Fearrey.

"This is a reality check. The fastest way to become a third world country is to keep on spending."

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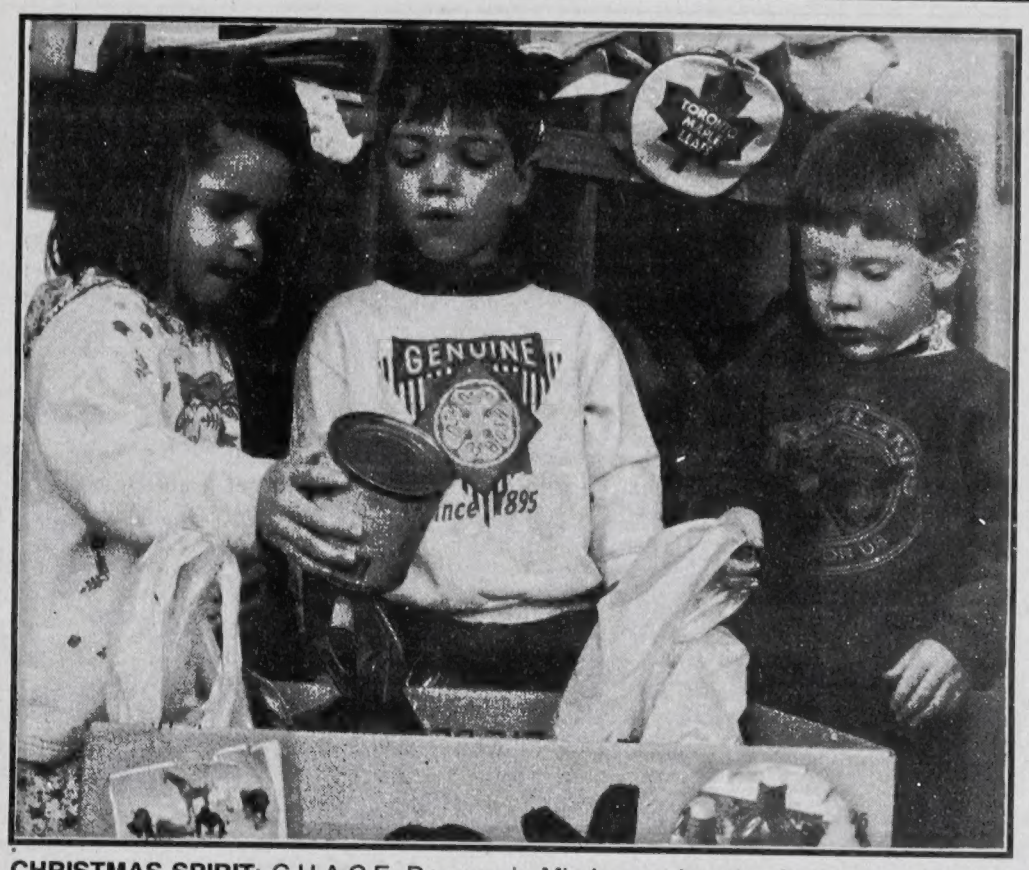


CHRISTMAS SPIRIT: C.H.A.C.E. Daycare in Minden got into the Christmas spirit early last week, asking families to donate food and toys to be given to local charitable organizations. Danielle Amodeo, Warren George and Jordan Sisson were among the many kids who helped out.

TORIES' MINI BUDGET

Cuts speed up the need to restructure hospitals: Loucks

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County must work "even more quickly" towards restructuring its health care system in the light of huge funding cuts to hospitals announced by the province last week.

That is the conclusion of the executive director of the Acting Health Services Board and the two local hospitals.

"Overall, the province's restructuring (of health care) goes hand in hand with our own restructuring plans," Foster Loucks said Thursday. " ... It just seems to me that with these cuts it means that we should get to the point where we have two facilities even more quickly."

The Acting Health Services Board and county council recently endorsed a consultant's findings that emergency services in Minden be moved from the hospital to Hyland Crest, which would be expanded, and 30 long-term care and 10 acu... Ha... T... of ... tol... ecc... ann... $1.3... Fi... 199... $50... T... do... eq...

hospitals — without closing any hospitals, he said.

"This has left a hospital system that is in many ways inefficient and hard to manage," Eves maintained.

To help hospitals realign their services, the province will set up a Health Services Restructuring Commission.

As well, Eves said the Ministry of Health will give hospitals more flexibility to generate their own revenue.

Loucks said it is important for the county, municipalities and the county's health care facilities to work more closely together in the wake of the cuts they've all suffered.

"We're all going to be scrambling for ways to support the same services ... and one of the ways of doing that is to find new partners," he said.

"It's not just co-operation. Really, it's co-ordination of us offering the same thing. Restructuring in Haliburton cannot just be sector to sector, but ...

TORIES' MINI BUDGET

Bill may send doctors to rural areas

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The executive director of the county's two hospitals is "quietly optimistic" about a bill introduced in the Legislature last week that could force doctors to locate in rural areas by restricting their health-plan billings.

Foster Loucks said he has heard very little about the legislation, which is contained within a huge bill tabled the same day the province outlined $6-billion in spending cuts.

But what he has heard gives him some hope the province may at least be taking a step toward a solution to the critical shortage of doctors in the county, particularly in Minden.

The bill reportedly would give municipalities the tools they need, such as the ability to amalgamate or separate more easily, to deal with the spending cuts Finance Minister Ernie Eves announced Wednesday.

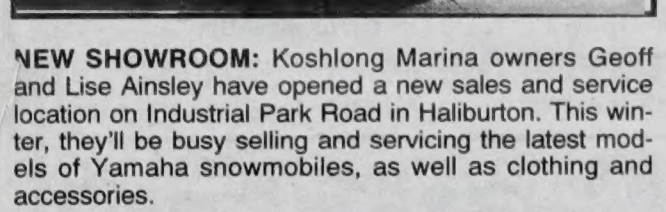
It may also allow the government to give OHIP billing numbers only to new physicians willing to set up practice in rural and northern communities.

Haliburton-Victoria Chris Hodgson confirmed the bill would give the province that ability, but noted, "We hope we never have to use that."

Until he hears more of the specific details regarding the proposed legislation, Loucks said he could not speculate what it may mean to the county.

"But I am quietly optimistic it will have a positive impact for us," he said.

"We will ensure a fair distribution of doctors between urban and rural health are services," Eves promised.



NEW SHOWROOM: Koshlong Marina owners Geoff and Lise Ainsley have opened a new sales and service location on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton. This winter, they'll be busy selling and servicing the latest models of Yamaha snowmobiles, as well as clothing and accessories.

ALL THAT GLITTERS; Jerry and Norma Jordan have moved their business, Highland Jewellery, from Minden to main street Haliburton, where they began welcoming customers last week. The Jordans are pleased to join the Haliburton business community, and look forward to serving their existing customers, as well as welcoming new ones to their attractive store,

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SSFC ready for funding cut

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Sir Sandford Fleming College says the province's $400-million funding cut to colleges and universities will force it to layoff staff and cut programs.

But it won't know exact nature of the cuts at its three campuses — in Haliburton, Peterborough and Lindsay — until it receives more detailed information from the province about its transfer payment reductions, says spokeswoman Kathy Miller.

"We can't avoid layoffs unfortunately and there will be some downsizing," said Miller.

Haliburton campus principal Barb Bolin said the government's transfer payment reduction should result in a chop of about 17.5 per cent from the college's operating budget next year.

And while it's a big hit, the college has been preparing itself so it wouldn't be blind-sided, she said.

"We've been anticipating the cuts and working towards putting a restructuring plan in place," Bolin said Friday.

While the province will cut transfers to universities $280-million in 1996-97, colleges will receive $120-million less.

Sir Sandford took to heart the Tories' warnings last June that colleges, universities and every body else would have to tighten their belts. Since then, college administrators have been looking for areas to streamline and trim spending.

On Thursday representatives from Sir Sandford's main campus in Peterborough will get together with staff in Haliburton to take a detailed look at the impact the lost revenue may have and what steps the college can take to absorb the cuts.

In addition to possible staff cuts and cancelled or suspended courses, a tuition hike will also be in store.

The province has given colleges the go ahead to raise their fees by 15 per cent. However, institutions will have to put 10 per cent of the revenues from their tuition increases into a fund to provide assistance to students in financial need.

thing, we don't want to tell you how to restructure, but let's get on with it," said Sherborne et al reeve and county warden Ross Rabjohn.

To deal with the massive cuts they face, Eves promised municipalities much more flexibility.

The same day as his economic statement, the government tabled a huge bill, to be passed Dec. 14, that will, in part, make

I think we've got a window of opportunity now to do something positive."

This Wednesday and Thursday, county councillors will be gathering at Birch Point Lodge as part of a strategic planning process.

Haliburton-Victoria MPP Chris Hodgson said it is important for municipal governments, like business and all other orga-

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Teachers' group wants JK

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A Haliburton teachers' group is trying to rally support to preserve Junior Kindergarten as the province readies to cut funding to the program.

The province is soon expected to announce that school boards may decide for themselves whether to offer JK.

The only catch is that those who decide to continue JK will no longer receive provincial funding to operate the program.

Given the option, the chair of Haliburton's school board has previously said the board would likely decide to scrap JK as of next September because of its high cost.

But the Haliburton District of the Federation of Women Teachers' Associations of Ontario says "fiscal restraint" should not prevent young children from receiving the educational benefits of JK.

The federation recently ran an ad in The Echo urging those who want JK to continue as is to write Ontario Premier Mike Harris and Education Minister John Snobelen.

Chris Lynd, president of the federation's Haliburton branch, said she "knows it's not economically feasible for this board to keep (JK)" without funding from the province.

Her branch is simply trying to support a province-wide initiative of the teachers' federation, calling on the Tories to continue funding JK.

When the Bob Rae's former government mandated school boards across the province to offer JK , few people in Haliburton embraced the idea.

Trustees and board administrators argued it would be too expensive to implement the program across the county, considering the additional busing charges and teachers' salaries.

Parents worried about transporting four-year-old children long distances with much older students.

But now that JK is up and running in four of the board's seven elementary schools, some want it to stay there, Lynd said.

"People who have supported it from the beginning are happy and some of those that were skeptical have changed their minds," she said.

Currently, the board offers JK in Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham and Wilberforce. It has been planning to bring JK to Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden and the yet-to-be-built Stuart Baker Elementary School in Haliburton by the fall of 1997.

The FWTAO says studies indicate students who attended JK stay in school longer and have improved math, reading, language and social skills.

Other studies indicate money spent on early childhood education ends up saving the government the expense of treating social problems later on, according to the federation.

Lynd said the federation is referring to studies done with students in European countries, where children have been going to school at earlier ages longer than they have been in North America.

Lynd doesn't hold out much hope that the province will maintain funding for JK. "I think they're going to slash it," she said.

Board of education does well in cost comparison

The overall cost of administration at Haliburton's school board is lower than the majority of the province's public school boards, according to figures compiled by the Ontario Public School Board Association.

The association's numbers show Haliburton's overall administration costs total $1,792,336, making up 9.79% of its

add up to $1,249,169, equaling 6.82% of the board's budget.

Most of the province's public school boards spend between 10% and 12% of their budgets on administration, with some spending as much as 13% and 14%, according to OPSBA. A minority of the boards spend below 10%.

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NEW MUTUAL LIFE OFFICE: Shawn Hagerman and Curtis Eastmure celebrated the official opening of their new office on Highland Street. Taking part in the happy occassion were, from left: Rev. Christopher Greaves, Vanessa Eastmure, Shawn Hagerman, Dysart reeve Murray Fearrey, Curtis Eastmure, and Abby Blythe Hagerman.

NEW OWNERS FOR BAKERY: Ruth and Wayne DeJong are looking forward to new challenges, after selling their popular business, Rachel's Bakery. Shown celebrating the occasion are, from left, Derrell and Kim Stamp, ReMax sales associates who handled the transaction, the DeJongs, and new owners Marian and Eva Markowski. A

HALIBURTON BUSINESS BRIEFS

NEW SHOWROOM: Koshlong Marina owners Geoff and Lise Ainsley have opened a new sales and service location on Industrial Park Road in Haliburton. This winter, they'll be busy selling and servicing the latest models of Yamaha snowmobiles, as well as clothing and accessories.

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Planning Act changes will give municipalities more power

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Local politicians are welcoming proposed changes to the provincial planning process they say will cut red tape and give them more control over development issues.

Though earlier rumours the Tories may completely scrap Bill 163 have proved false, Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Al Leach did introduce legislation recently to overhaul the Bill.

He hopes to have the changes passed in the spring and intends to introduce a new Development Charges Act at the same time.

The changes are designed to significantly reduce the time and expense of the planning process by cutting out bureaucracy.

Leach has said the proposed reforms will cut approval times in half for items such as Official Plan amendments, minor variances and other planning requirements.

"They're removing the red tape which slows things down and makes it more expensive. (The changes are) beneficial to all municipalities," said Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey.

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be the only ministry that can appeal a municipality's planning decision to the Ontario Municipal Board.

"Now we won't have to deal with all the different ministries for (planning decision) approvals," said Fearrey. "Instead of sending it to one ministry and waiting six months for a response, we just send it to (the MMAH)."

Another of the key changes in the Bill will scrap a recent requirement that planning decisions "be consistent with" provincial policies in favour of an old requirement that decisions "have regard to" provincial policies.

It may just be a difference of three words, but the implications are huge for municipal governments, said Fearrey.

Municipalities had to supply various provincial ministries with a great deal of supporting documentation to prove that their decision were "consistent with" provincial policy under the existing requirement.

"It was very expensive and very easy to contest for someone who may oppose the decision," Fearrey said.

According to the amended version of the requirement, municipalities will have more room to move in their judgments, provided they follow the basic intent of the province's planning practices, said County Warden Ross Rabjohn.

"This statement gives us some leeway in the make decisions that affect our individual municipalities," he noted.

Under the proposed changes, municipalities will also be given the power to zone and approve accessory apartments in residences. It will be up to the municipalities to inspect and register them to ensure they meet proper building and fire safety codes.

Snowdon reeve George Simmons said it is premature to judge what sort of effect the proposed Planning Act changes may have.

Anson, Hindon and Minden reeve Jeanne Anthon was also wary of giving blanket support or criticism. "It took many months for the previous government to come up with the final bill and weeks for this government to revolutionize it," she says.

While agreeing there was room for improvement, she still wants assurances that environmental concerns will be addressed. Sometimes it's too easy to see development as economic salvation and in some areas, development has created new sets of problems for municipalities and neighbourhoods to cope with.

At a recent Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA) meeting, she says the association sensed a dependence on Official Plans, which many counties (including Haliburton) and municipalities (including seven of the 10 in Haliburton County) do not have.

"ROMA assumes the province will push for Official Plans and have councils use them in a constant way," which isn't always happening now, she says. As well, she worries that without the province's guardianship, many municipalities will lose the expertise the province previously provided.

Staff upset clerical positions lost at Minden Hospital

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nursing staff may not have time to meet and greet the public or they may not know how to do the paperwork ... but we've decided to put our resources more into patient care and, if we have to, let the paper work go."

Loucks said the hospital will try out the current staffing level "for a while" and if it is found to be inadequate, will add more staff.

Hewitt said she plans to file "many" grievances with her union regarding the hospital's staff cuts.

At all times while the hospital is open, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., there will be two nurses on duty and one physician, as well as a number of support staff. The new hours will remain in effect at least until March 31, 1996.

In early November, St. Joseph's decided to close down the hospital from December to March 31 because of an insufficient level of funds to provide even minimum services.

But the Ministry of Health overruled the decision, telling the hospital it must provide a minimum 12 hours of care.

It even gave St. Joe's a cash advance on its grant payments so that it could continue to hire outside doctors to work in the hospital's emergency room and walk-in clinic.

But while the early payment helps out, it is not enough to allow the hospital to remain open for more than the bare minimum of 12 hours a day.

"The advance will assist us, but it's not going to pay the whole shot (of contracting doctors) by any means," said Loucks.

Until the end of November, the hospital was open 16 hours a day from 8 a.m. to 12 midnight.

Loucks is hoping more people will use the hospital as a walk-in clinic.

Even though they may not have a local doctor, many hold the perception they should not go to the hospital for minor complaints because it is meant for more serious cases, said Loucks.

But in Minden, this is not the case.

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Rash of break-ins hits Drag and Haliburton Lakes

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Minden OPP are investigating a rash of more than 30 cottage break-ins on Drag Lake during the month of November alone, including last week's Outlet Bay B&Es where four youths were caught in the act as they trashed a cottage.

As well as Drag Lake, police say there has been an unusually high number of break-ins at properties on Haliburton Lake.

"Last year was Kennisis. It's hit and miss all the time," said Minden OPP Det. Dave MacMartin.

Police traditionally see a rise in break-ins through the late fall and winter when many cottages are left unattended.

This off-season, the thieves have gotten down to work quickly.

"We're getting hit hard early," said Det. MacMartin.

Last year was particularly bad because there was little snow on the ground so thieves had easy access to properties that would otherwise have been hard to get to, he said.

"A lot depends on the weather," he noted. " ... The more snow there is, the better it is for us. There's more people around, but there's more good people, too."

And it's these "good people," up at their homes and cottages snowmobiling and skiing, who tend to scare away the types police caught on the spot Nov. 24 as they vandalized a cottage on Drag Lake's Outlet Bay.

One of the members of the group, an 18-year-old male from the Aurora area, has been charged by police in connection with three earlier break-ins at cottages on East Bay on Nov. 11.

But police believe the suspect was not working alone.

"He's the only one we can tie into enough to lay charges. We're working on the others, though," said Det. MacMartin.

The details of the Nov. 11 break-ins are very similar to the Outlet Bay break-ins.

In both cases the suspects drove cars stolen from York Region to Drag Lake, where they broke into a number of cottages, taking various pieces of property before they trashed what they could inside.

On Nov. 24, police got a break when they caught a group of four youths red-handed as they vandalized Ken and Sandra Anderson's Outlet Bay cottage.

Det. MacMartin had met holidaying police officer Wayne Gueran at a social function and told him about the series of Drag Lake break-ins.

The following day Gueran and his wife decided to check Gueran's father's cottage on Outlet Bay.

Not only did they discover it had indeed been broken into and trashed, they heard voices coming from a nearby cottage and spotted what turned out to be a stolen car stuck in the driveway.

They called Minden OPP who caught four youths and charged them with a long list of offences.

Each member of the group — a female young offender, two male young offenders and an 18-year-old male — is facing one count of break, enter and theft, two counts of break, enter and mischief and possession of stolen property over $5,000. Two of the males were also charged with breaking rules of their probation.

The 18-year-old, who has been remanded in custody until a bail hearing, is also facing a number of charges for the Nov. 11 break-ins, including two counts of break, enter and theft, a count of break, enter and mischief, possession of stolen property over $5,000 and a charge of driving while disqualified.

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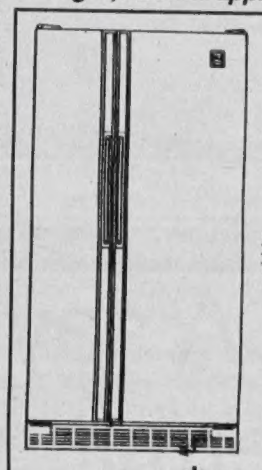

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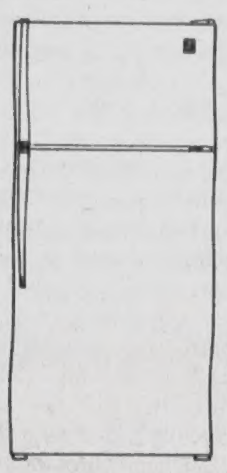

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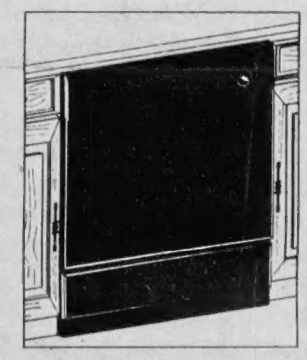

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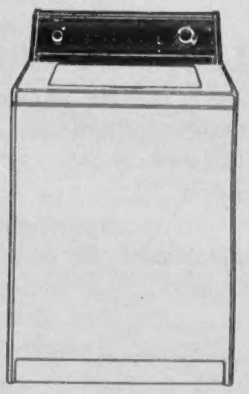

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Editorial

A price worth paying

"Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen pounds six, result happiness, Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds, ought and six, result misery."
Mr. Micawber in' David Copperfield' by Charles Dickens

Ontario finance minister Ernie Eaves may not have had Dickens' sage observation in mind when he drafted last Wednesday's economic statement, but the changes he announced showed he understands the principal very well. In Victorian England, spending more than you earned led inevitably to debtors prison, where Dickens' own father was once lodged. In Ontario, successive governments have financed the shortfall between revenues and expenditures by borrowing. The result is the misery of interest costs that this year, according to Eaves, will reach $10 billion, equal to the entire provincial budget in 1975. Ontario's total debt has reached the terrifying figure of $100 billion and it's still rising. Eaves' prescription to slow the advance of this insidious debt disease, and perhaps ultimately to effect a cure, is tough medicine. The massive cutbacks announced last Wednesday, the largest in Canadian history, will be felt by every Ontarian. And yet, with the predictable exception of the strident leftists and union bosses, whose solution to the crippling consequences of deficits and debt is to pretend they're someone else's problem, most people appear to support the Harris government's decisive wake up call to a new reality.

While none of the local politicians and organizations with whom The Echo spoke after Eaves announcement could predict the impact of the cutbacks in detail, all agreed they'll force significant changes to the structure and operations of municipalities, the board of education, community colleges and the health care system. And all said they'd find ways to cope, because, Liberal and NDP assertions to the contrary, there's no other sustainable choice.

Municipalities must learn to live with a 47 percent reduction in provincial transfer payments over the next two years. For Haliburton County, that means restructuring to deliver essential services as cost efficiently as possible. It means we must have no more than four municipalities, and perhaps fewer, instead of the present ten. It will mean some job losses the elimination of some services, and the imposition of user fees for others that have, up to now, been funded from general revenues. These changes will be obvious, and financially painful. They will not improve the mood of citizens who already feel pressed to the limit by Ontario's punishing tax load.

The board of education will lose about 10 percent of its provincial subsidy, or about $200,000, next year. It will also be given what Eaves called "tools" to help it cope. There is speculation but no confirmation that these may include an early retirement window for teachers, higher pupil/teacher ratios, and perhaps even salary rollbacks. The impetus for board consolidation will be accelerated by the cuts. Pressure for trustees to close small schools will grow. And although local administrators remain optimistic, capital grants for the proposed high school addition and a new school to replace Victoria Street could be denied.

Cuts in health care funding make the need to move forward with the Haliburton Hospital expansion and the emergency care addition to Highland Crest even more compelling. Improved facilities will mean better use of staff, and overall, a better quality of health care for the dollars available.

Streamlining government, rationalizing services and cutting transfer payments are widely understood to be essential measures to build a better future for Ontario. In the short term, however, the cuts will constrain the economy. The Conservatives hope to offset the impact by cutting income taxes, leaving more money for consumers to spend in the productive economy. If taxes are cut, and if the money is available for discretionary spending, economic growth ultimately will fuel economic expansion, job growth, and greater government revenues. The risk implicit in Eaves cuts is that municipal and education taxes will rise, and that along with new user fees, they'll negate the hoped for increase in consumer spending power. The challenge Eaves has given every Ontarian is to learn to live with less government, fewer services, and new user fees. Ontarians now must also insist that the promised tax cuts are passed on, and that local governments constrain their own spending. It's a complex challenge, fraught with risks. Will the gain outweigh the pain? Mike Harris believes the answer is yes. At this point, his constituents are less certain.

L.P.

At Canning Lake dam — by Len Pizzey

Letters to the Editor

FOCA says strength wasn't undermined by fee increase

To the Editor:

As the new president of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations (FOCA), I want to comment on the article of November 21 by Peter Downs, "FOCA plans to develop alliances". My address to the members at FOCA's November Annual General Meeting was read from a prepared text and is available upon request. Though FOCA is pleased to work in close co-operation with the North American Lake Management Society (NALMS) towards the environmental protection of Ontario's watersheds, FOCA is not joining with NALMS to build a national coalition of cottagers. Rather, FOCA has agreed to "a memorandum of intent to exchange information" with the provincial cottage associations of Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Alberta - "with a future goal to create a National Coalition of Cottagers."

Also, with reference to Mr. Downs' article, "Fee increase divides FOCA," I admit that the Annual General Meeting did not run smoothly. FOCA is in a transition period due to the unexpected passing of FOCA's long-time executive director, Jerry Strickland. Jerry was a man with strong leadership qualities and his commitment to FOCA was a labour of love. This was reflected in the many positive contributions he made to FOCA and his minimal financial remuneration.

FOCA's strength has not been "undermined" as stated by Mr. Downs. FOCA's strength stems from the commitment of its many dedicated volunteers. I, along with the other volunteer members of the FOCA Board, are very committed to FOCA. But volunteer dedication, alone, cannot provide FOCA with the revenue it needs to pay a competitive executive director salary. The increase in annual association membership fees will provide the revenue needed to continue to provide quality service to FOCA members. I ask that FOCA members and other cottagers across Ontario continue to support FOCA so that FOCA can successfully continue to represent, assist and provide leadership to Ontario's cottagers.

Valerie Charnish,
President of FOCA

Santa's trip to Haliburton a pleasure to co-ordinate

To the Editor:

Haliburton 1995 Santa Claus Parade was both a joy to see and a pleasure to be a part of.

On behalf of the members of the Haliburton Police Support Association (HPSA) we would like to thank everyone involved (both the participants and viewers) for their extra patience and understanding.

This being our fourth year helping to direct traffic, we truly appreciate everyone being so cooperative as it makes for quite an enjoyable day for all.

Merry Christmas and the best of the season.

Christine Horton,
Secretary (HPSA)

The Echo welcomes Letters to the Editor. They must be signed, and may be edited for length. Mail to Box 360, Haliburton, K0M 1S0

Hello, goodbye

ANNECDOTES

Anne Creelman

With all of this business of the Beatles anthology, I've heard many of their songs replayed a lot. I really love the first stuff that came out of Liverpool, such as "Twist and Shout". I'll confess here and now that I never understood a lot of that whole "Sergeant Pepper" era and once Yoko came on the scene, the Beatles were best to "Let it Be". But one song that has certainly taken on a whole new image for me this year is "Hello, Goodbye". I am not referring to any deep hidden meaning in the song but rather that it seems like only yesterday we said hello to one family of neighbours while saying goodbye to another. And now that their year of exchange is over we are doing it all again.

I remember when my friend Bonnie Amson received the exciting news that she and her two children, Tobin and Kaelan, were going off on a teaching exchange to Wagga Wagga, Australia. What an adventure! It was all so exciting. We looked at the atlas to see where they were going and looked forward to meeting the Smith family who would come and live in Amsons' house for the year. I guess we had an unfair advantage since Bonnie told us all about them as soon as she received all of the pertinent literature. They, however, had to wait until Christmas Eve (1994) to meet us. What a way to settle into your new home-away-from-home! There they were in a new country, a new climate, a new home and were being introduced to what seemed like the entire village in two hours or less. As it turned out, the Smiths were up to the challenge and didn't let up for the whole year.

It wasn't long before we would see the Smiths bombing up our hill in their sleek white car. They didn't let things like driving on the opposite side of the road or snow storms slow them down. I remember walking down to see them a few days after Christmas only to find they had set off for Buffalo with a blizzard in the offing. They made it back safe and sound, looking forward to their new Canadian schools. Tracy took on her Grade 3 class at JDHES with professionalism and good humour. It was evident from the start that she was a hit. Ben, Lachlan and Rochelle seemed to settle in and make friends with staff and students alike. Meanwhile at home, John became chief cook and bottle washer, a different role for him but one in which he excelled.

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I'd like to say we saw lots of them but I can't and it wasn't merely me being inhospitable. These guys were seldom home! In the one short year that they were here, this family saw more of North America than I have seen in my thirty-some years of living here. They let no grass grow under their feet. Just to highlight a few of their stops; Niagara Falls and On-the-Lake, Quebec City, Boston, Ottawa on Canada Day, Winnipeg, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Colorado, Detroit, Chicago, Toronto (a lot) and all points in between. And do they have the pictures to prove it all. They've also had lots of firsts like skiing, skating,black flies, Canadian football, tubing, ice fishing, Thanksgiving and autumn colours. All in all I think they've had a good year.

Speaking from the Haliburton side, I must say we've enjoyed having the Smiths as friends and neighbours. Always a wave and a hello, or a visit, they've been a pleasant addition to the street. Before Bonnie left, she told a few of us to make sure we included Tracy and made her feel welcome. We tried to show her a fair bit of local colour such as eateries, the bowling alley, her birthday party at which only Canadian gifts were presented and of course, the loons on Drag Lake. It has been great fun and a pleasure for sure.

There are some people you meet in your life who make you feel as though you have always known them. Smiths, you are that kind of people. I know that many of us in Haliburton feel you have added a dimension to our lives and we hope you will think of your year here with fondness and laughter. The year has gone too quickly but time flies when you're having fun.

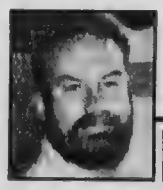
Ben, the kids love you as a babysitter but it's too far to drive you home from now on. Lach, you'll always have a place on the Redmen. Rochelle, I'll think of you when it snows, and I won't even mind if it is often John, the Internet will keep us neighbours even though we'll be farther than down the road. And Trace, well you know how we feel about you.

As sad as it is to say goodbye, we look forward to the return of Bonnie, Tob and Kaelan and all their stories. And since they never did get to the Atlantic provinces, something tells me we haven't seen the last of the Smith family. Let's hope not. From all of your Canadian friends, we'll miss you and come back soon, eh!

Pic of the Past

This week's Pic of the Past was taken on Head Lake in 1946 and Tom Hodgson includes this explanation: "This plane is called a Seabee and was built by the Republic Aviation Company of the United States. It was one of their first new models after war production ended (eg. the Cobra fighter.) It is a single engine amphibian but can be adapted with skis for snow and ice conditions. This airplane brought a Toronto businessman to visit Clayt Hodgson. While they talked, the usual crowd gathered to check out this rather strange looking aircraft." Our thanks to Mr. Hodgson for sharing the photo and information.

Tory chainsaw massacre



PERSPECTIVES

Lon Duncombe

Who says that big business isn't sensitive and caring? Preparatory to the Queen's Park Chainsaw Massacre of this past week, several of our chartered banks announced record profits for the past year. The Bank of Nova Scotia, for example, registered a whopping 82% jump in net income. It now has $876 million more to play around with than it did last year at this time. Somehow I doubt that most ScotiaBank executives are overly concerned about the imminent collapse of social services.

In his budget speech of November 29th Ernie Eves stated that "the root of our debt problem is government overspending". There has no doubt been massive waste and a bureaucratic buildup over the past few years, a result of fuzzy thinking and disregard of costs at the planning level that must be addressed and corrected. This should not, however, be allowed to mask a contributing factor of government deficits - revenue shortfalls. Consider:

• In 1960 Canadian corporations contributed 50% of all taxes raised: Today that figure is 8%. Any move to raise corporate taxes now results in nasty noises and threats to relocate out-of-province (or country), thereby resulting in a further deterioration of the tax base.

• The current so-called economic recovery has occured primarily at the corporate level. Many companies have increased profits by laying off employees. University graduates cannot find real jobs ("I have an M.A. in environmental studies - would you like fries with that?") and short term contract work is replacing permanent employment.

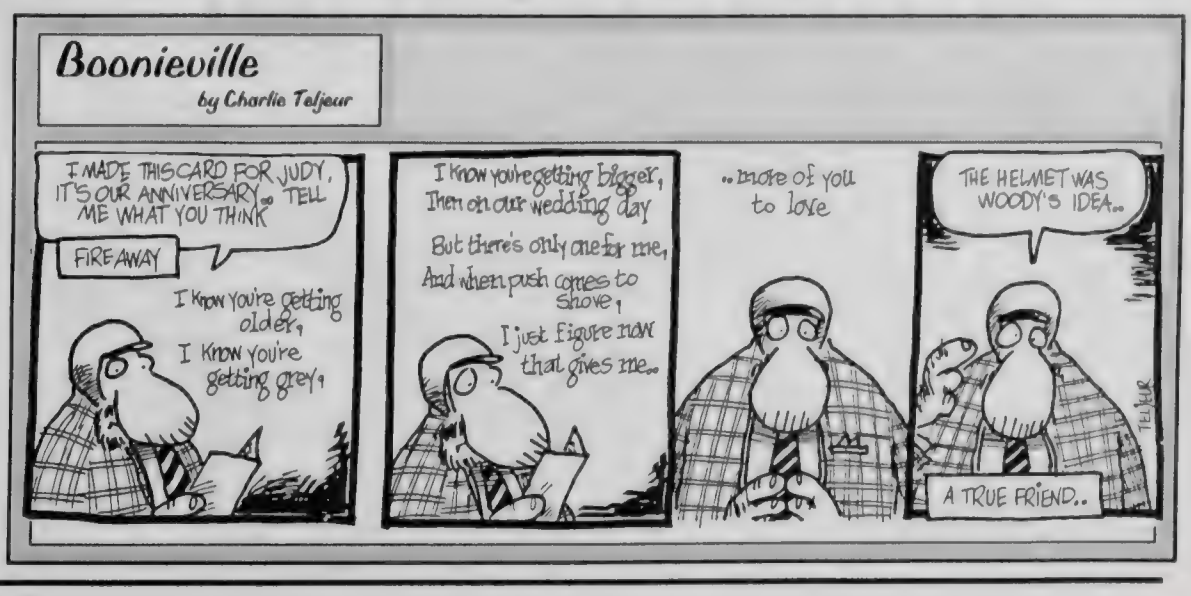
• Since the 1980s real interest rates (i.e. after inflation) have been the highest in history. Governments are at the mercy of international currency traders and must compete on a global level. Big business plays off one country against another for the best investment bargains, and reaps a windfall in the process.

• One major correction aside, stocks have prospered in an almost unbroken bull market since the early 80's. This is understandable when one realizes that the corporations trading on the stock markets make up the rules which we are forced to live by.

• Monopolies can no longer be broken up. The US. government tried with IBM in the late '60s and finally dropped its suit after years of litigation. Today we have companies such as Microsoft, a huge multinational that controls the incredibly lucrative computer operating system and office software market. Three of its founding members are billionaires: Over 3000 of its senior employees, through the judicious use of stock options, have become millionaires.

• Big business unduly influences political parties through big buck donations. Senior politicians usually retire from public life to go on to cushy corporate jobs as consultants and directors, and vice versa.

Surely this all represents capitalism gone amuck. We are now seeing a polarization of society based on wealth with consequences just as serious as anything Lucien Bouchard can throw at us. Those who have money to invest will do quite well: the rest of society will live in an increasingly harsh world of service cutbacks, spotty employment and falling income. The implications for family instability and anti-social behaviour are ominous . Being poor today may have less to do with motivation and willingness to work than accumulated wealth, power and the lack thereof.



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Christmas comes early for OMHA Atoms

Team from smallest town in tournament emerge as B Champions

by Jim Chalmers

The OMHA Atom Huskies loaded their own tournament Christmas tree early this year with some heavyweight opponents. They liked some of the teams they unwrapped while finding others to be more like Grandma's knit socks and woolly mittens: not really what I wanted but thanks anyway. Saturday's tournament at the Dysart arena featured three 'AA' MTHL clubs (Metro Toronto), five OMHA: one 'A', one 'BB', a 'B', a 'C', and one lonely 'DD' (the Huskies).

Before the festivities got underway, the Huskies had a sneak look at one contender for the next day's trophies, the division-leading Humber Valley Sharks from Metro. Their impressive record had the small town Huskies psyched and it showed early in Friday night's exhibition match. The Sharks built a 5 - 0 first period lead while the tight Husky offence misfired on a ton of chances. It was enough to send the scouting North York Penguins back to the PineStone pool with "thoughts of sugar plums dancing in their heads". Too bad they missed a good hockey game. The jitters disappeared and the Huskies mounted a serious comeback falling short by a 7 - 5 score.

Saturday at 8 a.m. North York came calling but after absorbing a 4 - 2 loss it was the Huskies who were licking their chops and savouring a meal of MTHL Penguins. Chris Petrow tallied two and Warren Cooper and Jeff Wilson added singles in a game the Huskies controlled form the outset. Defenceman Adam Tomlinson was lost to the Huskies after this game.

Game two was the heartbreaker of the day for the Huskies. They worried the Bruins from Scarborough to distraction but still came out on the losing end of an 8 - 7 overtime thriller. The

Saturday's Atom tournament match between Haliburton and the Scarborough Bruins had people talking long after the game was over. After ending regular play with a 7-7 tie, tension mounted as neither team could bulge the twine. Unfortunately for Haliburton, it was the Bruins who finally ended the tie.

Huskies played catch-up all game and took a late 7 - 6 lead before falling back into a tie at the buzzer. Tension mounted and the arena rocked as neither team could finish the other. The Huskies had too many chances to win it and didn't. The Bruins had few chances but did. That's hockey. The outcome was decided after numerous one-minute periods of one goalie - one skater sudden death. Husky coaches Wilson, Cooper and Bain all wear caps for a reason - to keep from pulling their hair out (what's left of it.) Warren Cooper had the hat trick, Jeff Wilson a pair and Travis Bain with Chris Petrow, one each. This game had people talking long after it was over. Wow!

In the B championship final the Huskies met Humber Valley ...again - both coming off tough defeats. All 12 Huskies had something to prove and it wasn't the Dogs who were awestruck this time. The team landed a big MTHL Shark and took the B trophy with a 6 - 4 win. Chris Petrow contributed two goals (with a badly bruised arm); Jeff Wilson finally got his hat trick and Warren Cooper added a single. The rest of the lunch bucket crowd: Ryan Chalmers, Andrew Sachs, Darren Kirkpatrick, Travis Bain, Matt Gerry, Alex Judge, Alex Ambridge, Joel cooper and Chris Bishop had to be there or it wouldn't have happened. Great job, boys!

Scarborough dodged a hail of Husky bullets in O.T. to advance to the A championship final - won by Huntsville 4 - 2 on an empty netter to make it an OMHA sweep of the four championship trophies. Alliston outlasted North York 5 - 2 in the C event while hard-luck Orangeville defeated Millbrook for the D medal.

A special thanks from the Atom OMHA Huskies to McKeck's Place for accommodating all eight teams with a pizza lunch, and more importantly, providing the right atmosphere for a lot of "on ice foes" to become "off ice friends". The Huskies ate lunch with the Bruins and enjoyed themselves. Nice touch, Walt!

The Huskies appear to be in great shape heading into this weekend's Silver Stick Playdowns at Wasaga Beach. Yes...another tournament. And now for something completely different! I had time to rush over to the High School drama club's presentation of "Love Affair with Hollywood." This town has a lot of young talent and they are not all hockey players. A perfect ending to a great day.

Bantam heartbreaker ends 3-2

by ROGER DART

It was a heart breaker. After two and one-half periods of exciting overtime hockey the puck bounced the wrong way one too many times. In the B Championship of Bancroft's tournament on Saturday, December 2 the Haliburton OMHA Bantam Huskies came out on the short end of 3 to 2 score. Led by the exceptional goaltending of Greg Schell the Huskies had battled long and hard with a surprisingly strong St. Anne's team from Peterborough. Haliburton was short 4 skaters including rugged defenceman Shane Parks who was hurt in the earlier games. Nonetheless the tired Huskies kept the pace fast and the pressure on to the very end doing everything but put the puck in the net, including Steve St Cyr's cross bar. In regulation time St. Anne's had taken the lead twice but Jason Henry, assisted by Allan Pugh, tied it up in the second period and defenceman Matt Billings wrist shot, assisted by Henry and St. Cyr, forced the overtime in the third period.

In games leading up to the marathon with St. Anne's the Huskies won their first game of the day over Campbellford by a score of 3 to 1 and lost a squeaker 2 to 1 to the host Bancroft club. Mike Morissette, Chris Moynes and Darol Sisson scored for Haliburton in the Campbellford contest with Henry, St. Cyr, Pugh and Matt Burk gathering assists. Defenceman Andrew Burtch scored the Huskies' lone tally against Bancroft with a shot from the point. Henry had the assist.

Leading up to the tournament action the Bantams continued their winning ways in league play with 2 victories and lost an exhibition game by yet another 1 goal margin.

In their first meeting this season Haliburton beat Cannington 3 to 1 in a rugged match. Matt Reid, Morissette and St. Cyr notched the goals with Blayne Saunders, Morissette and St. Cyr assisting. In Beaverton the Huskies won a penalty filled game by a similar 3 to 1 score. Saunders, Morissette and Moynes put the puck in the net with Greg Forgrave, Devon Dart, St. Cyr and Pugh earning assists.

The exhibition game with Ennismore was good hockey and the Huskies could easily have been on top of the 4 to 3 score. Billings, Pugh and St. Cyr did the scoring with Saunders, Morissette and St. Cyr picking up assists.

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Novice As undefeated with six wins, one tie

by WALTER TOSE

On Sunday Nov. 26th the Novice A Huskies travelled to Beaverton to play their first match of the season against the Blades. This was to be the first OMHA match of four that evening featuring teams from Haliburton and Beaverton, from Novice up to Bantam. In the dressing room before the game, Coach Jim Winn reminded the team to stick to their game plan and not get thrown off track by the refereeing. What did he mean? Apparently the home referees in Beaverton had developed a reputation for being somewhat biased against teams from out of town. As the evening unfolded, this reputation would prove to be well founded.

Two minutes into the game the referees failed to make the call on an obvious cross check from behind laid on Adrian Winn, then one minute later threw Terry Bannon out of the game on a very questionable call. It was clear that the Huskies were in for a long night. Coach Winn's comments in the dressing room began to sink home. With the Huskies playing a man short for most of the first 2 periods the Blades were able to build up a 3 goal lead. To their credit the Huskies played their usual tenacious, hustling game and never gave up. Then came the TSN turning point. With 4 seconds to go in the second period and a face off in the Beaverton end, Coach Winn sent out instructions to centre Josh Brown: draw the puck back to Adam Hutson for a shot. It worked! Adam shot, hit the post, and Brandon Bowman slid in the rebound for the first Husky goal with 0.1 seconds showing on the clock. This was the boost the Huskies needed.

In the third period the Huskies scored 3 unanswered goals to take a 4-3 lead. The Blades scored one more goal to tie it up 4-4 on a Husky mistake clearing it out of their own end with only 3 minutes left in the game. Would the Huskies settle for a tie? Never! They laid on the pressure and with 43 seconds to go in the game, Ross Gerry slid a beautiful pass over to Jesse Johnson from just inside the blueline and Jesse one-timed it into the lower right corner for the winning goal. Final score: Huskies 5 Beaverton 4. An outstanding effort by the Huskies, especially in view of the poor officiating. Brandon Bowman had an outstanding game with 2 goals and 2 assists as did Ross Gerry with 3 assists. Josh Brown, Adrian Winn and Jesse Johnson had 1 goal and 1 assist each. Adam Hutson had 2 assists and Matthew Roberts added one more assist.

On Tuesday, Nov. 28th, the Novice A's travelled to Sunderland for their first meeting with the Red Wings. Oh, Oh! Deja Vu! Once again the Huskies were frustrated by very poor officiating. This time it was not so much a question of bias as a question of not calling anything at all. Offsides were missed. Both sides began getting rough and the penalty calls were very inconsistent. The

Husky play was not always pretty, but goaltender Jeremy Moynes made some big saves to keep Sunderland off the scoreboard, and the rest of the team kept plugging away to build up a 5-0 lead by the end of the second period. Early in the third the Huskies seemed to let up a bit and lose their sense of team play. Sunderland scored 2 quick goals to draw within 3 and the Haliburton fans began to panic a little over what had seemed a sure win. However, a pep talk from Coaches Jim Winn, Joe Roberts and Pete Johnson at the Husky bench got the boys back on track. They picked up the pace, began to forecheck aggressively and got back to their passing game. Andy Dawson scored a short-handed goal late in the third on a beautiful shot to the top left corner from just inside the blueline to ice the game for the Huskies. Sunderland scored one l more but it was too late. Final score: Huskies 6 Sunderland 3. Ross Gerry, Matthew Roberts and Josh Brown were the other goal scorers in this game. Brandon Bowman, Jesse Johnson and Adam Hutson picked up the assists.

The Novice A's remain undefeated in their regular season so far with a record of 6 wins and one tie. This week they travel to Woodville Friday night for a return match, then host Minden here at home on Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Solid defence leads to 3-1 PeeWee win

by LAURIE CURRY

The Husky PeeWees played against Woodville last Tuesday night.

Netminder Adam Wilson did an awesome job only allowing in one goal.

It was definitely a solid defence consisting of Bobby Hebert, Danny Koz, Jamie Johnston, Logan Roberts and Cole Glendinning who has a broken bone in his ankle and who will be missed by this team.

The forwards consist of Ryan Wood, Nick Cochrane, Shane Campbell, Scot Curry, Jamie Luck, Jason Woodcox, Ryan Kirkpatrick and Adam Henry. Jeff Wilson is only able to play for us on occasion because he plays for the OMHA Atoms, but when he is on the ice with these boys, he is definitely an asset.

These boys play well together, always giving their best.

The score of this game was 3 - 1 for Haliburton. The goals were scored by Jeff Wilson, two goals assisted by Adam Henry and Danny Koz; and Jason Woodcox assisted by Scot Curry and Ryan Wood.

The boys head for Bracebridge on Friday night for their first game of a three-day tournament.

The teams which were involved in this tournament were all from bigger centers than Haliburton. The boys gave it their best coming up short in all three games.

Our next game will be at the Haliburton arena on Tuesday night at 7:00 against the Minden Monarchs.

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Hockey Redmen come together at tournament

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Haliburton high school's hockey Redmen put in a good showing in a 16-team tournament Friday and Saturday, narrowly losing the consolation final in their pool.

And along the way as they won three of five games, the Redmen were finally able to begin to gel as a unit, says coach Ron Yake.

"That's the tough thing with high school hockey," said Yake. "Most of the kids have never played together before. But they're starting to play as a team. The players are getting to know each other."

The Redmen won three of four games en route to the consolation final for their pool of four teams, including a 9-0 blow-out over Mattawa, who barely had enough players to make up two lines.

Haliburton faced Fenelon in the high-scoring consolation final, where both teams traded scoring spurts.

But in the end, it was the Falcons who outlasted the Redmen 6-5.

Fenelon opened the scoring in the first period, but Haliburton came back a few minutes later when Bill Dovell converted a pass from Dennis Woods for a goal.

The Falcons retaliated with two more before it was Haliburton's turn to start ringing up the scoreboard in the second period.

Down 3-1, the Redmen scored three in a row to take a 4-3 lead early into the third. Jeff Wray started the barrage with assists going to Bill Dovell and Andrew McKelvey. Dennis Woods netted the next two. His first was on a feed from Curtis Reynolds and his second was a solo effort.

But the Falcons answered the wake-up call with three of their own to go up by two and take control of the game.

With just 36 seconds left in the game Bill Dovell scored his second of the game to bring the Redmen within a point of evening the score, but they ran out of time.

The first game of the tourney saw the Redmen face a bare-bones team from Mattawa.

Haliburton swarmed all over the team, potting nine goals before the final buzzer went.

Jackie Morrison, Bill Dovell and Curtis Reynolds each had two-goal games. Nick Kulas, Josh Burk and Dennis Woods score the other three.

Assists went to Curtis Reynolds, Jackie Morrison, Josh Burk (two), Jeff Wray, Dennis Woods, Bill Dovell (two), Andrew McKelvey(two), Chris Eskelin and Ian Clements.

The Redmen blanked their opponents in the second game of the tournament, as well, beating Thomas A Stewart 4-0.

Dennis Woods opened the scoring with assists going to Jeff Wray and Chris Eskelin. Jackie Morrison added the second goal on a pass by Woods. The third goal was scored by Curtis Reynolds with the help of Jackie Morrison and Chris Eskelin. Bill Dovell added the fourth and final goal on an assist by Andrew McKelvey.

Haliburton dropped game three 2-1 against Donevan. The Redmen's sole scorer was Dennis Woods, who netted a pass by Andrew McKelvey.

Woods was again the only scorer for Haliburton in the team's consolation semi-final victory over North Bay, only this time he put in two.

His first goal in the 2-1 win was a solo effort, but Mark Hughes and Josh Dennis helped out on his second.

All of the games had very low penalties on both sides, which was a big change from the Redmen's recent games.

"They played disciplined hockey," noted Yake. "Any team that's going to win has to stay put of the penalty box."

Win fades to tie for Redmen

Haliburton high school's hockey Redmen watched a win at home evaporate before their eyes Wednesday night with just over a minute left to play in regulation time.

The Redmen had to settle for a 3-3 tie against Kenner after digging themselves out of a two-goal hole to take a one goal lead early in the third.

But Kenner, who hadn't scored since the first period, slipped one into the Haliburton net with just 1:19 remaining on the clock.

Down 2-0 going into the second period, Redman Jackie Morrison put Haliburton into the game with the help of Matt Burk and Bill Dovell.

Mark Hughes, assisted by Ian Clements and Chris Nielson, tied things up for Haliburton in the same period.

With about four minutes gone in the third period, Dennis Woods strengthened the Redmen's hold on the game, putting the team up 3-2. Assists went to Josh Burk and Jackie Morrison.

But the one-goal lead wasn't enough and Kenner clawed back for the tie.

You win one, you lose one: Novice Cs on both ends of score

by DAN MACMILLAN

Last Friday night the Novice C Huskies paid a visit to Manvers to play their second entry team. Haliburton had beaten the Mustangs in a previous outing but the Huskies were coming off a sub par performance against Little Britain. The first period was a virtual deadlock until very late when Adam Sisson broke it open with a pretty goal from Jade MacInnes and Ryan Bottum. Then 16 seconds later Clayton Hodgson blasted one in from Connor MacMillan. There was no more scoring until midway through the third period when Adam scored unassisted to make it 3 to 0. Josh Mayhew got his scoring touch back when he took a pass from Dylan Metcalfe and rifled a shot home about a minute later. Josh and Dylan then played tic, tac, toe when they sent Connor away for an empty net goal to give the Huskies a 5 to 0 win.

Jeff Burk was super smooth in net. In the second period he made a great save, getting just enough of a waist high shot to deflect it, while nailing down his second shutout of the season. Jeff Griffin, Ryan Bottum, Scott Lewis and Jenny Perrott were unshakable on defence, forcing the Mustangs to try long passing plays that usually resulted in icing calls. Jade MacInnes played her usual smooth and steady brand of hockey, never conceding an inch. Centred by pivots Adam Sisson and Dylan Metcalfe, the Huskies' passing game seems to be coming back around.

On November 26, the Novice Cs travelled to Little Britain. It is a testament to the parents and staff that everyone made it there without incident as the roads were very slippery. The Huskies seemed to be running behind from the moment they arrived at the arena and they were just not able to get back on track.

Little Britain opened the scoring late in the first period. Clayton Hodgson tied it up in the second with an unassisted goal. The Huskies appeared to sag when the Rams scored two quick goals early in the third period and they were unable to recover. Little Britain managed to hold on for a 3 to 1 win.

From the opening face-off it was an uphill battle for the Huskies, passes weren't made and ones that were attempted were picked off. Players were caught out of position and scoring chances weren't capitalized on. Jade MacInnes played a real gritty game before being "winded" in the second period. Josh Mayhew played a gutsy game in net but he was unable to do it on his own.

Team play has been a main force this year and the kids learned an important lesson in the game. You not only win as a team but you also lose as a team. In the lobby afterwards, young Ian Bottum entertained us with his knowledge of the workings of a pop machine.

The Novice Cs still have something to boast about. Theyy finished off the first part of their scheduled season with seven wins, three losses and a tie. Team play and hard work have resulted in a very respectable season thus far.

Oldtimers get back to where they once belonged

by KEN RILEY
Wilberforce Oldtimers

Unless you live in a cave or have been up visiting the Russians on the MIR space station, you're bound to know that 'Beatlemania' is sweeping the glove. The fab four (make that three and a half) dominated record sales last week, selling 400,000 CDS (what happened to 8 tracks?) in one day! This brings back fond memories to the boys in the WOHL of the wild days of their youth, long hair, peace and love and smoking pot! Things have changed a bit, nowadays. The longest hair they have usually comes from the nose. Peace and love is something that happens when the kids go to bed. If they ever hear the word pot anymore it's usually followed by the word belly. One thing that hasn't changed is their hockey ability. These guys are still the slickest thing on ice, as witnessed by the following.

In game one it was Apsley facing off with the Clarkson Plumbers. This was a close checking game whose theme song could have been 'Give peace a chance'. The teams were tied after one, with one apiece, Roy Boughner for the Plumbers, Al Gronman for Apsley. It was two all after two, stay-at-home defenceman Steve Barker for the 'Chuckies', Bill (roving defenceman) Roter for Apsley. The Plumbers went ahead on one from Dan Sicker and Apsley's Groman quickly replied with his second of the night. Clarkson's Jerry Walker got one late in the period and hung on to down Apsley 4 - 3 with seven penalties in this match. Remember boys, 'All you need is love!'

Game two saw Bancroft Canadian Tire against Rainbow Auto Glass. It was good to see the Rainbows roll out for the Mystery Tour, icing a full squad for the first time this year. It was unfortunate that they were up against the high rolling Tire men. The Rainbows put up a good fight, but wound up on the wrong end of a 6 - 1 score. Pulling the trigger for C.T.C. was Alan Coulas with two; Craig Partridge, Ralph Keeler, Steve Farnsworth and Bill Fransky all had singles. With his second shutout in three outings all CTC's Craig Walton could say is "I get by with a little help from my friends!"

The late game had the Haliburton Hawks and the home town favs, the Golden Ponders. Sadly, the fans had little to 'Twist and shout' about, as the Hawks continued to score in bunches, pounding the Ponders 9 - 4. For the Hawks, Rick Wood and Roger Bain both had two, singles went to Brian Mulholland, Bob Woodcock, Tom Curry, Derrell Stamp and Steve Roberts. Finding net for the Golden ones were Al Finni with two, Ken Filey and Royden Hawley had the others. The Ponders the goalie could only sing 'Help!'

This week is Apsley vs. Rainbow at 7:00, the Hawks vs. Canadian Tire and the Clarkson Plumbers against the Golden Ponders. Take the long and winding road, come together and get back to where you once belonged, the rink! Great hockey action, imagine!

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Rocket Atoms take rubber match

by Sue Clarkson
Wilberforce

A number of games and practices were canceled last Monday due to that pre-season taste of winter. It isn't worth anybody's life to travel in weather like that for a kid's hockey game.

Last Sunday, the Wilberforce and Haliburton **Atom** teams met for the third game between them - the rubber match, with each team having won one. Lots of anticipation was in the air. The whole game was full of non-stop action as these two rivals gave it their best shot. Matthew Reil was moved from defence to the forward line for this game and made his first shot on net count by a beautiful set-up from Mathew Manary to put the Rockets up by one. The second period was as exciting as the first with both teams going full tilt and again Matthew Reil was able to get one in between the pipes. This was an outstanding game by the players on both teams and yet another shut-out for Billy Hunter. Final score: Rockets 2 - Huskies 0. Congratulations to the team members mentioned above and Brandon Logan, Ben DeCarlo, Paul Wesley, Mitchell Clarkson, Matthew Shaw, Tim Covert, Tom Bates and Paul Hutchinson. It took all of you working together to win this one.

The PeeWees have had a very heavy schedule the last three weeks with up to four games per week but fortunately most of them have been home games. In Minden last Tuesday night, the Rockets were in total domination the first period but were only able to score 1. Minden answered that one back early in the second to tie the game. After a good rest for all, the Rockets went into the lead. Yet again, the Monarchs were able to tie. Sean Critch scored gaining a natural hat trick to bring us ahead once more. Minden tied it up once more in the third but Sean was on a roll as he managed the last of a quadruple of Rocket goals to win with just over a minute to go in the game. Final score: Rockets 4 - Minden 3. This was an excellent match. Assists on Sean's goals were Kenny Mott with 2, and one each by Adam Clarkson and Chris Peacock.

The Tykes were hosted by Bobcaygeon Tuesday for one of their few night games. This was a very tiring game with only two resting on the bench at a time. The first period was excellent end-to-end play and no goals were scored but the Rockets netted two in the second and copied that in the third. None were answered by the Bobcaygeon crew. Jonathan Belbin had a boring time between the pipes. Final score: Rockets 4 - Cougars 0. Galen Bowman scored his first hat trick of the season as well as earning one assist; Jessie MacKay worked hard to pop one between the pipes and assist on another; Adam DeCarlo had a hat trick of assists; and Steve Meharrie and Chris Roberts each got an assist. Daniel Riley and Shayne Gillick were forces to be reckoned with throughout.

The PeeWees were in Fenelon Falls Thursday night ready for another close game. They went down two very early but were able to tie the game before the end of the second. Their trainer, Richard Cripps, explained the importance of teamwork during the break, and when they emerged for period three their hockey level moved up a notch as they ignited to score four unanswered goals. Particular mention should be made to the Arsenault brothers, Ira and David, for the strong games they have been playing lately. Chris Alden, back from the injured list, scored a hat trick and two assists; Corby Semple scored two and earned an assist; Sean Critch netted one as well. Kenny Mott, Adam Clarkson and Mike Jones all tallied an assist each, Mike's first ever, congratulations.

The Mites' third game of their young career was their first against Minden. This was an excellent match with the Rockets holding a commanding lead of 2 - 0 at the end of the first. Brandon Bay netted both the goals unassisted. In the second, the Rockets began to tire and were down by three with more to come in the third. Final score: Monarchs 11 - Rockets 2. Josh Townsend played an excellent game at defence. Andi Donaldson had some help in goal this game with Brandon Bay and Kyle Steele each having a turn. Andi was solid in net in the first period making some good saves. The score would have been much higher for the Rockets, but that darn girl goalie stonewalled Jessee Tallman on three or four breakaways. We'd like to welcome a new player to the team - Michael Vaughan. Mathew Johnston, Dyrden Hurst and Jason Bay are all vital members of the team as well.

Manvers made the trip to Rocket territory this past Saturday only to receive a trouncing from the **Novice** team. The defence crew of Matthew Davidson, Tim Pettit, Shawn Crowder and Matthew Tripp did a super job keeping Manvers out of their end, along with another good performance and shutout by goalie Chris Johnston (must have some of Dad's goalie genes). Gavin Swan had a hat trick, Mathew Davidson scored his first goal ever, a nice shot from the blue line, Aaron Donaldson tallied two assists, Tim Pettit scored one and Kevin Bowman scored one assisted by Kanan Quibell and Josh MacKay. This was a full team effort. Andy Sayers is to be commended for a well played game as well. Final score: Wilberforce 6 - Manvers 0.

The Atoms hosted Ops next. The Atoms pushed their wins to six. Billy Hunter was called on early in this game to make several saves and continued throughout the game because despite the lack of goals on the visitor's end of things, there was a lot of back and forth action. It took the home team two minutes until they even got the puck into Ops territory. Shortly after, Ben DeCarlo made no mistake with a wrist shot between the pipes to get the Rockets on the scoreboard. By the second, the Rockets were starting to get stronger, and good digging by Matt Manary earned him a hat trick of assists on the game. Just past the halfway mark, Ben went end to end to score number two, and shortly after he netted another giving him a natural hat trick. Again, Matt Manary (our set-up artist), passed the puck to Ben to give him a quadruple of goals, and this was before the end of the second! It sounds like three players worked in this game, but all the others contributed strongly to earn this win.

The Tykes took on Haliburton in an exhibition game that was a very one-sided match. The Rocket team may be fewer in number, but much stronger in play. No doubt they will be a team to be reckoned with in years to come. In the third period our five skaters, having had no relief except for a few sips of water at the bench, were toast. Jonathan Belbin did a great job keeping out a number of close shots in the third, but the Huskies were able to notch one to foil his chances at a shutout. Final score: Rockets - 10, Huskies - 1. Jessie MacKay netted five goals and one assist; Adam DeCarlo scored a hat trick the same day as his older brother; Daniel Riley worked hard to score one and assist on one; Steven Meharrie scored his very first goal and an assist and we congratulate him on it. Our broken-armed player, Travis MacKay, who sat on the bench the whole game supporting his team with his helmet on, scored one goal - he really wanted to help. Galen Bowman earned an assist as well in this game that showed what teamwork means.

Parents, don't forget to bring your baking and good used and/or new toys and gifts to your team's manager by this Friday night for the Christmas sale this Saturday. The PeeWees play Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. and next Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Come out and cheer them on.

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End-to-end action

Exciting 2nd Entry Atom game ends in 2-2 tie

by DAVE BROWN

Saturday evening found the Haliburton 2nd Entry Atoms in downtown Angus facing the Essa Atoms. Haliburton came out of their dressing room wanting a win and dominated the play for the first period. Ryan Goldenburg showed some good hustle in his own end and came out with the puck. His heads-up pass put Joey Sisson in on the opposition net to put the Huskies up by one.

Though Haliburton seemed to have the offensive edge, Essa managed to even up the score early in the second period, popping in a rebound. (Those dreaded rebounds.) With the second period almost over, aggressive Husky forechecking put the puck out to Jeremy Miscio whose shot almost went through the Essa netminder and stopped on the goal line. Corey Sisson did the stretch and poked the puck over the line.

After an unsuccessful Haliburton breakaway, Essa brought the puck back into the Haliburton end and managed to tie the score. The game's last four minutes were filled with exciting end-to-end action with lots of scoring opportunities by both teams. When the buzzer rang the score remained 2 - 2.

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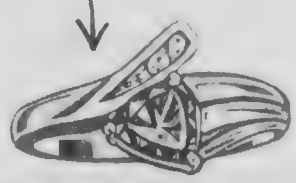

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OMHA Novices travel to Brighton for one of the most exciting tournaments of the year

Saturday, December 2, Haliburton OMHA Novices travelled to Brighton to one of the most exciting tournaments of the year. Missing one of our great defencemen, Andy Dawson, the Huskies still put on a show Brighton wouldn't soon forget. Where do you start to explain these high action games?

The Huskies' first game was against Milton. Jesse Johnson quickly scored the first goal. This started the Huskies flying. Ross Gerry, with an excellent pass from Brandon Bowman and Adrian Winn, banged one into the net. Six seconds left in the first period, Milton came back and scored 2 - 1.

In the second period the Huskies' goalie Jeremy Moynes was outstanding but, much to his chagrin, Milton sneaked one through to tie the game 2 - 2. Terry Bannon wasn't happy with the score and on a nice pass from Ross Gerry scored on Milton who responded with a tie-making goal.

Overtime came once, then twice. Milton scored with 59 seconds left to end the game 4 - 3. Hats off to our defencemen and our goalie for one excellent game.

Game two was against Port Hope. They weren't going to lose this one. One minute into the first period Port Hope entered Husky territory and banged in the first goal. All was not lost, the Huskies came back scoring not one but four goals, giving us a 4 - 1 lead. Brandon Bowman picked up a much-earned hat trick. In the third period the Huskies once again came out on top with four goals ending the game 8 - 3. On to the B championship.

Last game, tension is high, parents are anxious, the crowd is noisy cheering on both sides, our players are tired but confident. It is only fair to mention that the teams we played carried 14 to 16 players compared to our 10. First period, Jeremy Moynes was hot in goal. Three minutes into the period a power play for the Huskies came up empty-handed then Trenton scored leading 1 - 0. The Huskies dominated the second period but Trenton managed to sneak one more in. Third period the Huskies, not wanting to go home without a goal, came back and tied with one minute left. Sharp shooters for this period were Ross Gerry and Terry Bannon. Here we go again...overtime. Overtime was played down until one player from each team faced off in the Huskies' zone. Trenton snuck one in past our goal finishing a long and tiresome game winning 3 - 2.

Points awarded according to game sheets are Brandon Bowman with three goals, one assist; Ross Gerry, three goals, two assists; Josh Brown, one goal, three assists; Jesse Johnson, three goals, one assist; Mathew Roberts, one goal, one assist; Terry Bannon, two goals, two assists; Adrian Winn, six assists; Daniel Jung, two assists; and Adam Hutson, one assist. Congratulations to Josh Brown who was awarded MVP for Haliburton. A great team effort. The Huskies are on the road again, Dec. 8 to Woodville.

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See you next week.

Novice Bs end first round undefeated

by GINNY HEMING

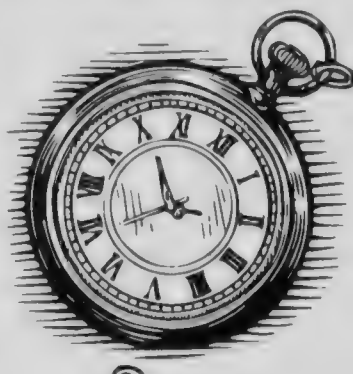
The Haliburton Novice B Huskies wrapped up their first round of play in the Tri-County Hockey League, defeating Minden 11-4 on Saturday. This was to be their 13th consecutive win of the season thus far.

In the first period, the game appeared to be in slow motion for the Huskies, while Minden showed more hustle and determination than we've seen before. The play went back and forth with some attempted rushes in the neutral zone by both teams. At 6:59 Haliburton managed to get on the board with a beautiful drive to the net by Josh Fick, unassisted. As play continued slowly, no more goals were to be scored until the 2 minute mark, when Kyle Espie sent a clean pass to Nick Judge who fired it in. The period ended 2-0 for Haliburton.

As the 2nd period got underway, the Huskies started to find their game again. The pace picked up as did the scoring frenzy. Haliburton scored 5 unanswered goals lead by the "dynamic duo" of Kyle Espie and Nick Judge with 2 goals each. Calvin Roswell added the 5th goal to end the period 7-0 Haliburton.

The home town fans stuck around for the 3rd period (unlike those at Maple Leaf Gardens) and they were not to be disappointed. This was by far the best action period between these two teams to date. Haliburton opened up the scoring at 7:55 with Josh Ficks' 2nd unassisted goal, and by then Minden decided enough was enough! They fired in two quick goals only 26 seconds apart at 6:50 and 6:24. A minute later, Huskies retaliated with two quick goals by Nick Judge within 22 seconds of each other. Josh Fick scored 1 more for the Huskies at 3:25 on the clock, but Minden, not to be out done, fired in another 2 goals before the final buzzer sounded. WOW!! 4 goals scored by each team in just the 3rd period!! Unfortunately for Minden, Haliburton had too great a lead and the game ended Haliburton 11, Minden 4. Wouldn't it be great if the NHL had this much scoring and no penalties - at least we can say our fans get their moneys worth!!

This game officiallly ended our first round of play in the Tri-County Hockey League. To summarize this round - Haliburton faced off against Fenelon Falls, Manvers, Minden, and Wilberforce. There were 14 games played - 10 league, and 4 exhibition. The Huskies had 13 wins and 1 loss (which was their 1st exhibition game of the year against Ennismore). Haliburton outshot their opponents, 328 to 96, and recorded 3 shutouts. The fun moments both in the dressing room and on the ice are too numerous (or should I say humorous) for this statistician to record - what a great group of guys! A special thanks goes out to coaches Rob Abbs and Glen Fick for their POSITIVE motivation of this team - it sure is paying off! The Novice B Huskies will be placed in a new draw as of December 3rd, and hope to be challenged by stronger teams. Stay tuned for our new schedule as I'm sure you won't want to miss a moment of Husky Novice B action.



It's time to reflect on 1995

Instead of doing the "Year in Review", this New Year's The Haliburton County Echo would like to try something different. We're contacting people from across the county to ask them a simple question:

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The publication date is January 3, 1996 and the deadline for responding is December 28, but we'd love to get your responses before that. You can either:

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'Love Affair with Hollywood' a noteworthy achievement for HHSS student playwright, directors, cast

If the measure of a successful play is a delighted audience, then "Love Affair with Hollywood', which was staged last Friday and Saturday night, was a success indeed. But there was a special quality to the Haliburton High School drama club's production that made it much more than an evening of solid entertainment. It was also a testament to the creativity, talent and enthusiasm of HHSS students, from playwright Cassie Weyrich whose script was witty, funny and sweet, to co-directors Terry Edlington and Jess Berry, to a troupe of experienced and first-time actors who never did less than their best to bring convincing vitality to a wide range of strong character roles. Even the programme, designed with cast pictures like those at professional theatres, was noteworthy.

Elizabeth Donnery and Bob Sisson were outstanding in the lead roles, but they got excellent support from everyone else involved. Indeed, this was a production in which the ensemble shone as brightly as the stars.

The episodic structure of the play was effective, with brief scenes that advanced the story and gave everyone in the cast a chance to display their acting talents. The sets were effective, the props well chosen and the 'stage business' of movement and gesture well thought out.

This was a production that deserved a wider audience than it got last weekend.

AWAITING THE HERO

The residents of Plum County gather in the local restaurant to greet Tommy, whose been hailed as a hero due to some elaborate and innacurate gossip. Back row: Amanada Chalmers, Thomas O'Shaughnessy, Don Mawbey. Front row: Sarah McMahon, Corrina McKee, Mike Morissette.

TOO COOL!

Bob Sisson as Tommy Brown makes all the right moves for his screaming fans as he's interviewed on a talk show by Sue Carr as Nikki Blake.

HEART TO HEART

Elizabeth Donnery as Marie and Bob Sisson as Tommy Brown, talk about their futures in this scene late in the play. Both actors were outstanding in the play's lead roles.

THE LOCAL GOSSIPS

Jenn Orpana and Erin Kernohan provided some of the evening's best humour in their characterizations of two old women discussing town affairs at the bus stop.

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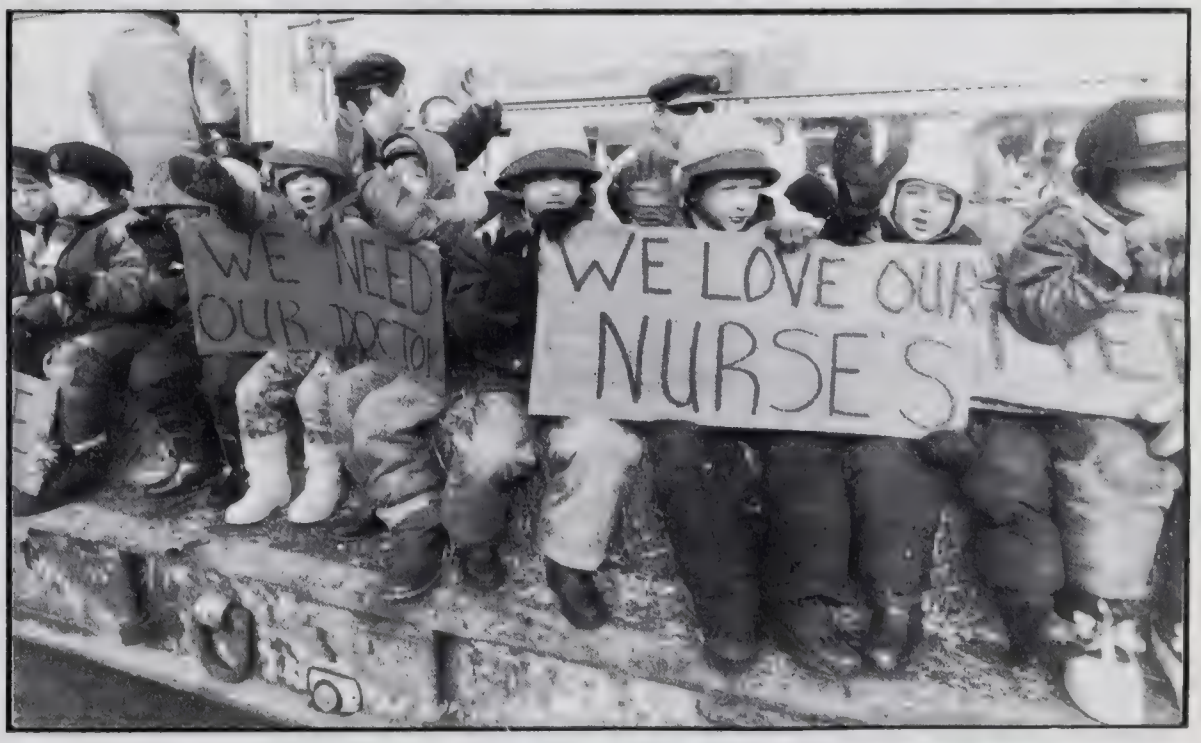

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Gun control dominates Reform rally

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A rally organized to bolster support for the Reform Party Saturday at Haliburton's high school quickly turned into a public grievance session to take pot shots at recently adopted gun control legislation.

Reform MP Jack Ramsay, who represents the riding of Crowfoot, Alberta, and John Perocchio, a founding member of the National Firearms Association, were the rally's featured speakers.

The pair spent most of the afternoon fielding questions and complaints about Liberal Justice Minister Allan Rock's Bill C-68, which requires Canada's firearms owners to register their weapons, among other controversial controls.

Ramsay, the justice critic for the Reformers, told the crowd of about 50 his government would repeal the bill, if brought to power.

The Reform Party would keep and reinforce the parts of the bill that deal with punishing criminals who use guns, he said.

But any pieces of the legislation that invade people's privacy would be dropped, if the Reform Party is sent to Ottawa in the next federal election, he promised.

Perocchio vowed his lobby group would solidly back the Reformers.

"We've been ignored by all the other parties," he said. "We will not forgive and we will not forget."

Perocchio told members of the audience they could stall the implementation of gun control legislation by refusing to register their firearms.

"The implementation of the bill will be stalled because there is no money to implement it ," he said. "... Rock says the money will come from gun owners, but if you don't register your guns, where are they going to get the money."

During the portions of the rally that weren't dominated by discussion about gun control, Ramsay answered questions on Quebec, pensions and native land claims.

He told the audience the Reform Party would be willing to recognize Quebec as a distinct society, provided its legislature is not given any special powers held by other provinces.

Asked where his party stands on who should benefit from the Canada Pension Plan, Ramsay said it should be administered on the basis of need.

"Basically our policy is this — we believe the pension should only be paid to those who need it the most. If I'm making $150,000 a year, why should I receive a pension?"

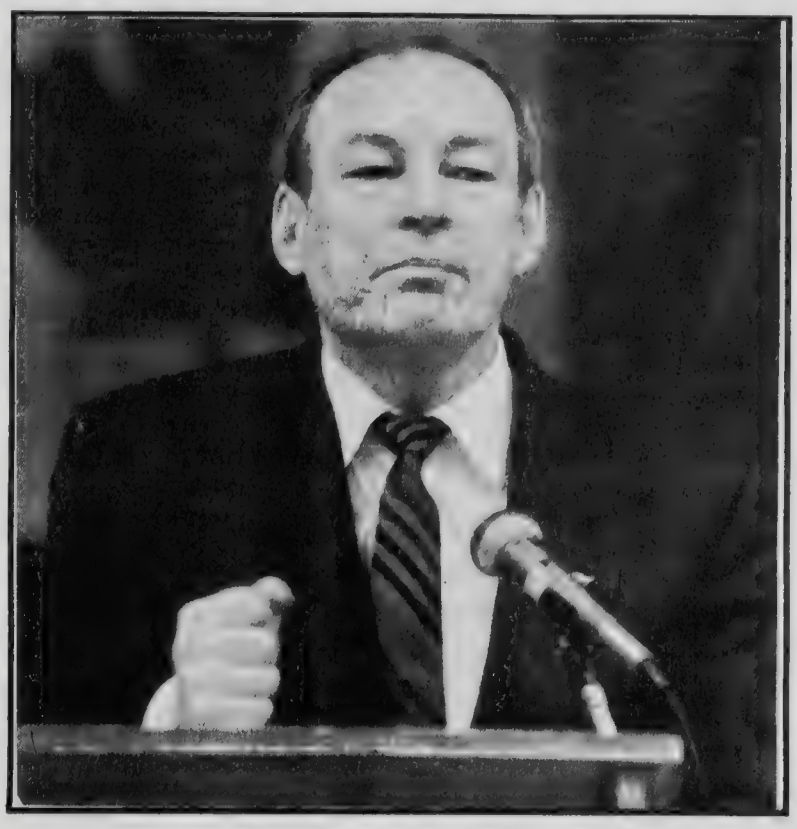
Ramsay said one of the most difficult challenges facing the country is the dilemma of settling native treaty rights that grant aboriginal special status.

"Our principle is that Canada should have equal status for all Canadians which would mean that previous treaties granting special status would have to be dealt with," he said. " ... That's very difficult to get across without being called a racist."

Ramsay maintained the other policial parties have failed Canada "and in many cases betrayed us."

Reformers, he said, are in touch with Canadians and their concerns.

"You see, I say I'm not a politician. Most Reformers do. We're just fed up citizens who went to one meeting too many."



MAKING A PITCH: Reform MP Jack Ramsay was one of the featured speakers at a rally organized to boost support for the Reform Party on Saturday at Haliburton's high school. The meeting was largely dominated by people complaining about recently adopted gun control legislation.

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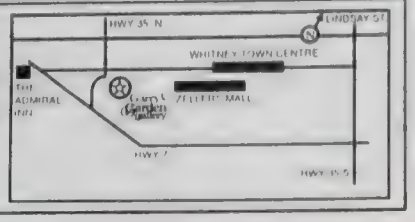
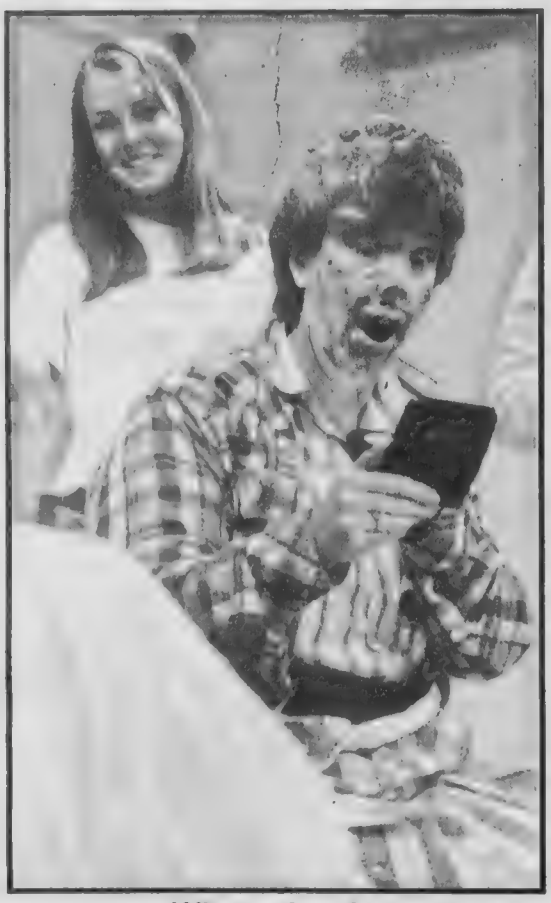


A slapstick day at Archie Stouffer School

To encourage students to sell magazine subscriptions to raise money for their school, teachers at Archie Stouffer Elementary School promised to do some pretty embarrassing things. Well, Thursday Nov. 23 was pay-back time and the entire school gathered in the gym to watch the teachers live up to their promises. One of the highlights was Ryan Sisson throwing a pie in Principal Peter Forgrave's face as Ryan's reward for selling the most subscriptions (21.) Students, staff and the community were thanked for their involvement in the annual event. The top three classes for subscription sales were 7B with Lyn Winans (An average of $137 in sales per student), 5A with Bonnie Berry ($121) and 6A with Kathy Stackhouse ($104.)

Trimmed!

Here's pie in your eye!



What a face!

That's amazing!

Toe tapping music

Clockwise, from top:

TRIMMED: Tied to a chair, teacher Derek Little (who is a graduate of ASES) couldn't move while vice-principal David McKinlay cut off a few inches of hair.

PIE IN YOUR EYE: Peter Forgrave wipes the whipped cream off his face after Ryan Sisson earned the pleasure of throwing a pie in the principal's face by selling the most number of subscriptions.

THAT'S AMAZING!: Holly Johnston, Robin Harrison and Andrew Fadalti delight in their teachers' uncharacteristic antics.

TOE TAPPING MUSIC: Dennis Baker played his fiddle.

WHAT A FACE: Teacher Sybil Roodenburg shouldn't have looked in the mirror after a group of Grade 8 girls liberally applied her make-up while student council president Amy Petrow looked on. Teacher Dale McConnell organized the assembly along with Kathy Adams.

Grade 9s make grade on tests

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Tuesday night's meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education.

Test results show the majority of Haliburton's Grade 9 students are reading and writing at levels pretty much right on the provincial average.

Superintendent of education Dale Robinson told trustees he is pleased with the students' performance, but would like to see their writing abilities improve.

Though the students showed adequate understanding of spelling, sentence structure and grammar, many lacked the ability to express themselves with the creative flair that would have pushed their marks up into the higher levels.

"The dimension we're missing is that our students are nervous about being creative. Mechanically, there's nothing wrong with their writing," Robinson explained.

The students, tested during the 1994-1995 school year, were graded according to six performance scales.

Level 6 is the top level, reserved for students performing above a Grade 9 level.

Students whose work was graded as Levels 3, 4 and 5 were judged to be at grade level. Level 5 is the higher end of the performance scale, Level 4 is the middle and Level 3 is the lower end.

Students classified into Levels 2 and 1 were judged to read and write below a Grade 9 level.

In the reading tests, Haliburton's Grade 9s were graded as follows: Level 6 — 5%, compared to 4 % for the province; Level 5 — 10 per cent, compared to 16 % for the province; Level 4 — 43%, compared to 39% for the province; Level 3 — 38%, compared to 37% for the province; and Level 2 — 4%, compared to 3% for the province. None of the students fell into Level 1 in Haliburton or across the province.

In the writing tests, Haliburton's Grade 9s were graded as follows: Level 6 — 0% , compared to 1% for the province; Level 5 — 5%, compared to 11% for the province; Level 4 — 41%, compared to 43% for the province; Level 3 — 48%, compared to 37% for the province; and Level 2 — 1%, compared to 2% for the province. Again, none of the students fell into Level 1.

Bob Penfold, head of the high school's languages program, was a member of the provincial marking team that graded about 15,000 papers over a two-week period last year.

"I was there and I tell you, my chin hit the table. There are just so many excellent creative writers out there," he told board members.

Educators marking the writing tests were looking for students to prove they could do more than simply cross all the Ts, he explained.

"We want a real personality and a real voice to come through in the writing."

And while there is room for Haliburton's school system to improve, Penfold said the board's students stacked up very well against the province.

BOARD BRIEFS

Sharing savings

Saunders congratulated superintendent of business administration Jim Bradley for saving the board as much as $30,000 by initiating a co-operative agreement with a number of surrounding boards to buy supplies in bulk.

Rather than ordering paper, pens, pencils, notebooks and a variety of other supplies individually, the boards combine their orders to get a better rate, Saunders explained.

Last year, Haliburton spent about $168,000 on these supplies.

This year the board is hoping to realize up to 25% in savings through the co-operative agreement Bradley set up, said Saunders.

The board will continue to explore other avenues for possible savings through co-operating with other boards, he said.

That first step ...

The board's business administrator has been directed to price out work needed to repair a potentially dangerous flight of stairs at the board office.

"We've already had a couple mishaps with people falling down the stair case and a couple near misses," said Saunders.

The Ministry of Labour was recently called in to examine the stairs and found they meet their minimum safety requirements.

However, the Ministry recommended the carpeting and underpad be removed and replaced with a no-slip floor covering to reduce the risk of people catching a heel while descending the stairs.

As well, one of the steps needs to be replaced, said the Ministry.

Saunders said the board had received a preliminary quote of about $2,500 to carry out the required work.

A number of trustees balked at the estimate, calling it too high.

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'Duty of care' needs improvement

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Glamorgan council's meeting on Nov. 21.

Building inpector Danny Sayers cautioned that more and more lawsuits against municipalities have been successful, and for settlements that reach the millions of dollars.

He recently took a course which outlined the new philosophy of "duty of care."

"It means you're responsible to ensure people are safe by the way buildings are constructed," he told council. "If something goes to court, you have to demonstrate 'duty of care' and everything was done properly."

In the past, he says few written records were kept on building inspections and these records are very important if an accident goes to court. Glamorgan by-laws say when a permit is issued, the building must be inspected four times.

"I think you'd better keep some records," Councillor Tom Vos said, echoing fellow councillors' surprise that records weren't kept. Sayers says he has, but the course taught him his records haven't been as thorough as they should have been. He'll also keep a chart on outstanding issues. "It's better to be a little strict rather than a little lenient."

Meanwhile, although the year started off well, construction tapered off early, with the net result that the money value of building permits is less than it was at this time last year. "This snowy weather hasn't helped," says Sayers.

This year, 51 permits have been issued for construction valued at $1.08-million. Last year there was only one more permit, but construction was valued at $1.34-million.

One road, two names

If you're in Irondale, you turn onto the Gelert Road. If you're in Gelert, you turn onto the Irondale Road – and it's the same road. To add to the confusion, there's also the Irondale Road that runs along the Irondale River.

GLAMORGAN COUNCIL BRIEFS

To make the whole thing much simpler, the Irondale-Gelert road will probably be re-named the Gelert Road.

Snowdon Reeve George Simmons was asked to the meeting to clear up some of the confusion, especially now that Glamorgan is considering a property numbering system. If 9-1-1 is ever to be brought into the county, there cannot be two roads with the same name (let alone one road with two names.)

Snowdon, which borders Glamorgan, agreed to change the road's name.

Simmons' visit was a chance to talk briefly about some of the problems facing municipalities, especially with budget cuts expected tomorrow. Simmons said the next year will be a struggle for everyone, and raising property taxes isn't an option because "taxes are too high to start with....

"There will have to be partnerships on a lot of things," he said. Reeve Elva Bates agreed. "We will all be talking about sharing things."

"I think there will be amalgamations right, left and centre," said Simmons. "If we survive as a county we'll be fortunate."

Resignation

Council accepted with regret the resignation of Shannon Hunter, who has accepted the job of deputy-clerk in Emily Township. She has been with the municipality for five years and Bates says she has grown much in the job and has yet to reach her potential. (The municipality recently underwent a staff reorganization and Hunter did not yet have a job title.)

Hunter's last day at Glamorgan will be December 23. In her letter of resignation, she thanked council for the opportunities it gave her to expand her knowledge of municipal administration. She said the learning experience has been "tremendous."

While they regreted that Hunter was moving away, councillors such as Chuck Viner could understand at least part of the motivation. "People like Shannon are looking at amalgamation and wondering what will happen to them," he said. Amalgamation may mean that fewer jobs will be available.

Taxes

In 1995, the total levy of taxation in Glamorgan was $1.3-million. Of its portion of that money, there is $118,600 outstanding, or 8% of the municipal levy.

The municipality will probably have to borrow $50,000 in December and while there were concerns about interest costs, it was noted that the municipality garners about $28,000 in the interest it charges for late payment of taxes.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLAMORGAN TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL ALLOWANCE FOR ROAD ALONG THE SHORE OF STORMY LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Chapter 302, Section 298 and Section 301 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Township Council of the Corporation of the Township of Glamorgan proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, Gooderham, Ontario on Tuesday, the 19th day of December, 1995, a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in Front of Lot 28, Concession XIII, Township of Glamorgan, County of Haliburton, being Part 1 on the Preliminary Plan of Survey dated the 18th day of July, 1995 made by Paul Wilson, Ontario Land Surveyor (building envelope survey)

The preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township of Glamorgan office, Gooderham, Ontario.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Township of Glamorgan shall then and there hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard.

DATED at GOODERHAM, Ontario this 21st day of November, 1995.

GLEN MADILL,
CLERK-TREASURER

Strangers reward teen for honesty

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

A former Gooderham teen who now lives in Oshawa was rewarded for her honesty last week when she handed over a wallet bulging with $4,000 in cash to police.

And her father, Dale Dovell, who still lives Gooderham, couldn't been any prouder in his 17-year-old daughter.

Michelle Dovell, who moved from Haliburton County with her mother last year when her parents separated, found the wallet while working a Sunday morning shift in her part-time job as a waitress at an Oshawa Tim Horton's doughnut shop.

The former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School honour student, who is now in Grade 12, discovered the wallet filled with $100 bills while she was cleaning a cupboard.

She turned her find over to Durham Regional police who were able to locate its owner, who had reported the wallet missing more than a month before.

The man, described by police to be "an unemployed recluse" in his late 40s, took back what was probably his life savings without so much as a thank you to Michelle.

"That's what blew her away," said her father.

But while the man, who is a regular at the doughnut shop, may not have been very appreciative, others who read about the incident in a Toronto Star story on Tuesday were more impressed by Michelle's good deed.

And they were also more generous.

The owner of a Toronto restaurant, Louis Nemes, rewarded Michelle's honesty by sending her a cheque for $100. As well, a 79-year-old Etobicoke woman, who did not want her name to be published, sent Michelle an additional $25.

Mr. Dovell said he is "very, very proud" of his daughter's high standard of ethics.

"We always brought her up with a church background and Christian values," he said.

Michelle told the Toronto Star she briefly thought of keeping the money for herself to pay for tuition at university, but knew she would feel too guilty for taking something that belonged to someone else.

Michelle Dovelle

Health cards replaced

People whose Ontario health card's have been lost, stolen or damaged can have them replaced this week at the Minden Hospital.

The Ministry of Health's mobile health card team will be at the hospital Thursday from noon to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As well as replacement cards, the team will issue new cards to those who have changed their names or addresses.

To receive a new health card, applicants must show three original pieces of identification, including a document that bears the applicant's name and signature, a current document that shows the applicant's name and home address and a document that shows the applicant holds Canadian citizenship or immigration status.

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Legion members awarded

COBOCONK
News

Sheila Lake
454-2314

There were some surprised, and very thrilled, people at the Coboconk Legion, Branch 519, awards night on November 24. The men prepared the dinner for the event.

Two long-time L.A. members, Peggy Hall and Norma Herbert, received life memberships in L.A. for their dedicated and hard work, through the years. Peggy and Norma joined the L.A. on March 18, 1973. Margaret McLean, F4 Zone Commander, made the presentations.

A number of people also received awards, presented by Marg McLean, the Zone Commander. Past president Marg Clappison received a medal for her work. A Thirty-five-year pin went to Betty Moore. Twenty-year pins were presented to Ada Clausen, Myrtle Faulkner and Lorna Harris. Certificates of appreciation went to Sharon Brown, Nelta Oldfield and Gwen Sanders. Honors roll committee members are June Frankland and Reta Henry. Congratulations to these hard-working ladies. You are outstanding, and best wishes to you all!

Stephen Harris is angry with the person(s), who stole his car, at Newmarket. Of course, the thief has yet to be found.

Sympathy goes out to the family of the late Jack Ridgeway, who died at Minden recently. Jack lived just north of Norland, near the Haliburton County border.

We dropped in to the Woodville Legion hall, on Saturday, November 18, to wish Doug and Joyce Burney a happy 50th wedding anniversary. I also called in to see Jean Johnston at Woodville, who was quite cheerful, despite losing both her legs to surgery.

Theft of personal property and the Laxton Township truck and equipment keep our local police very busy. No matter how well locked up your home or garage may be, it is still never safe from thieves who continue to break in.

The Coboconk New Horizons Seniors recently held their election of officers with the following being elected: past president - Jennie Colquhoun, president - Don Campbell, first vice president - Jack Lewis, second vice president - Bill Jay, recording secretary - Gloria Campbell, corresponding secretary - Eileen Beechener, treasurer - Peg Saunders, trustees - newly elected Art Cousins, old last year members are: Ed Gibb and Joe Heffer, membership - Rose Rocchio, social - Rose Turton, crafts - Helen Hellum and Gloria Campbell, entertainment - Jennett Cochrane, communications - Bruce Colquhoun, line dancing - Pat Cornelius, music - Colin Anderson, bus trips - Bill Jay, bridge - Frank Turton, euchre - Art Cousins, bid euchre - Frieda Boyce, Sunshine Cards - Marian Sim.

The Happy Wanderers choral group and the Unicords, recently entertained at the Lindsay Armouries for the United Way. Mary Montgomery supplied music on the keyboard, and Colin Anderson had his trumpet.

Congratulations to Sadie Newan, (nee Pearce) of Oshawa, a native of Coboconk, who celebrated her 82nd birthday on November 20. Her address is 1144 Somerville Street, Oshawa, Ontario, L1G 4K5. I'm sorry I neglected to mention this in an earlier column, but I'm sure she'd still be happy with a card, from those of you who know her.

Get well wishes to Gordon Kay and Norma Herbert, who have both had treatment, Norma going to Kingston, and Gordon to Toronto.

Many Coboconk folks journeyed to Fenelon Falls on Saturday to see the Santa Claus Parade.

The Coboconk parade was held on December 3. Bexley Township new works building is now officially open. The 5000 square foot building houses equipment maintenance and storage bays, a works superintendent's office and employee lunch and washroom facilities.

Windmill Park, just west of Coboconk, is helping the needy with a food bank, and hopes you can help out. The Coboconk Faith Tabernacle has operated a food bank on a smaller scale for a number of years. Last Christmas they gave out about 20 hampers so a local food bank is not new here. The church has been accepting food for the needy for a long time. As families struggle to cope with cutbacks, the need is great everywhere.

Annual Remembrance Day services were quite well attended despite miserable weather. Each year, there are fewer servicemen there, as the years take their toll. Let's hope this solemn service continues on in the years to come.

Faith Tabernacle Women's Christmas Party will be held in the hall on Wednesday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. On December 12 the church ladies will pack shut-in boxes. The men's breakfast at the Gulls Nest is Saturday, December 9 at 7 a.m. The ladies breakfast is on Saturday, December 16 at 8:30 a.m. at the Summer Kitchen. The annual Christmas concert is Sunday, December 10 at 7 p.m. in the church.

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Move bitter-sweet for 'Lady with the laugh'

RHUBARB PATCH
Eagle Lake News

Ruth Still

The "Lady with the Laugh" has moved. Two weeks ago Muriel Allport was moved to Hyland Crest in Minden. We, her friends, felt great relief knowing that she was now well fed, warm and cared for. She feels only resentment at losing her independence and being institutionalized.

Muriel grew up in Toronto. Through church and C.G.I.T. she met Peggy and a life-time friendship began. As a young woman Muriel supervised the homes and children of absentee parents in Montreal and Toronto and became a family friend of three generations.

Peggy married Harold Fawns of Uxbridge. In 1954 they moved to Eagle Lake having purchased what became known as Fawn's Point. Muriel came to visit, then stay. The two women ran the snack bar/dining room at Fawns Point.

A man stopped by one day for a drink. Muriel reeled off the choice of soft drinks, tea or coffee. He insisted that they had something stronger, then it dawned on them he wanted liquor. Only later did they discover that their snack bar had functioned as a "blind pig" where illegal liquor could be had during prohibition.

Muriel's cottage was a lovely place to visit - a sauna at lakeside, inside fine furniture, delicate china, gleaming silver. Her croissants outdid those of a French pastry chef. Her lemon tarts simply melted in the mouth. And she was fun to be with. Her very laugh made one smile. At our monthly euchre parties in Eagle Lake, her table was usually the last to complete playing. There seemed to be unparalleled confusion and merriment there.

'As visiting friends, we look at the care and comfort provided and feel reassured -- but guilty.'

The two women were founding members of the Guild of Fine Arts and of the Rails' End Gallery. Muriel also helped found the Haliburton Concert Series in 1979. Any event in Eagle Lake had their support especially those of the Eagle Lake Women's Society.

When Peggy and Harold moved to Parson's Road and then to Echo Hills,, Muriel stayed on at Fawns Point, the porcupine continuing to feast on her car's brake linings. In her early eighties she was persuaded to give up her house and car and move into the Wallace granny apartment. Although this solved the safety problem she was now dependent on friends for transportation and missed her contact with people. The decline set in.

Gone was purpose of her days, the desire/ability to cook or bake, interest in current and local events. She could still, for a time, be stimulated to talk about the past. Visits to the doctor increased, medication multiplied. Home Support came into action supplying a five-day weekly service of medical and practical help. Concern increased as her ability to cope decreased. Finally a bed became vacant at Hyland Crest and with two day's notice she was admitted.

The starch simply went out of her, to be replaced with a dreadful lassitude and a non-interest in anything or anybody or her own welfare. She so obviously doesn't went to be there. As visiting friends we look at the care and comfort provided and feel reassured - but guilty.

So many questions, so many variables, as many solutions as there are individuals - for certain this is a situation we will surely all face. Should we make the decisions necessary while we are still in control? If one only knew that moment when we must lose that ability.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Regarding the NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Cardiff will be holding a public meeting under Section 17 of the Planning Act to hear public comments on the proposed new Official Plan for the Township.

The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office on January 16, 1996 at 1:00 PM

Council held a public meeting on this New Official Plan on October 6, 1995 at the Fire Hall. Comments from this meeting have been incorporated in the new Official Plan. This additional public meeting is being held in order to technically comply with the Notice Requirements of Bill 163, amendments to the Planning Act. There have been no major changes to the proposed Official Plan since the October 6, 1995 public meeting.

The New Official Plan provides policies for future land use throughout the Township of Cardiff. The proposed Plan has been prepared following review of the 1991 Official Plan by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Council and other government agencies. A copy of the Official Plan and background information is available for review in the municipal office during regular office hours. Written submissions in respect of the proposed Official Plan can be made to the Township Clerk.

If a person or public body that requests referral of a proposed decision in respect of the proposed Official Plan to the Ontario Municipal Board does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or does not make written submissions before the proposed Official Plan is adopted then,

i) the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as approval authority, may refuse the request to refer all or part of its proposed decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, and

ii) the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the proposed decision.

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

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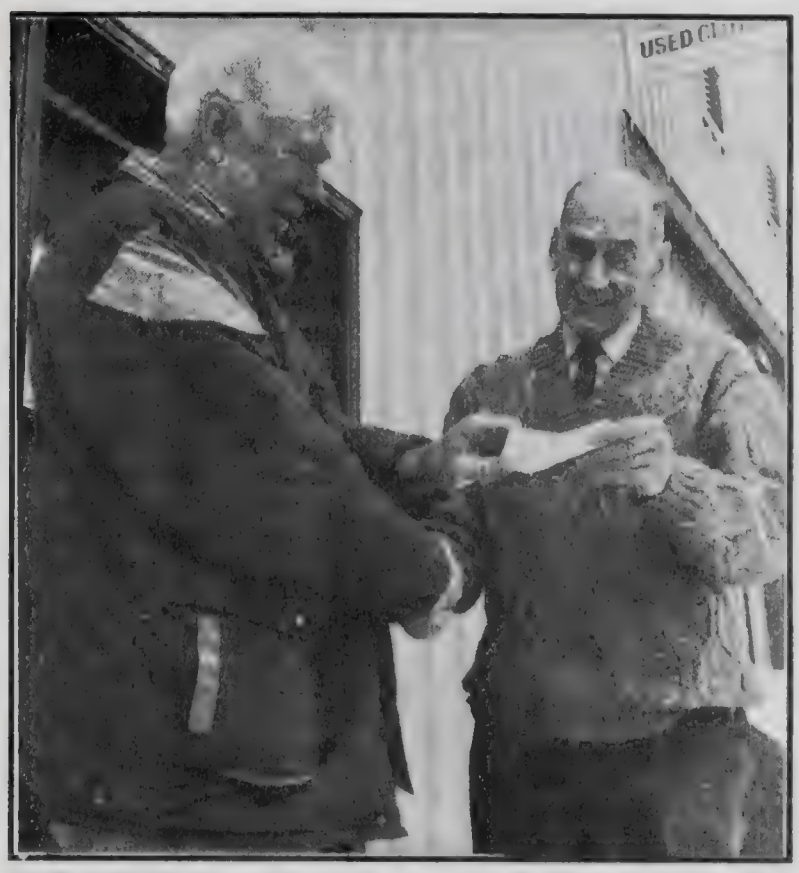

PITCHING IN: Grant Rae of the Haliburton County and Region chapter of the Historical Automobile Society of Canada (left) hands Bob Thompson of the 4Cs a cheque for $300 to help out the food bank during the busy season leading up to Christmas.

Home-cooked goodies follow Christmas music

CARNARVON *News*

Ann McKay
489-2924

Jack and Hazel Gregory spent some time in Ottawa with their son Fred. Hazel is having some eye surgery while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Penny were guests of their daughter and family in New Liskeard.

David Moore and son Logan of Keswick spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Bill McKay.

A delightful evening was spent at Maple Lake United Church on Wednesday and Christmas music and warm fellowship was followed by a delicious array of home-cooked goodies. A silent auction was held with a hilarious auction of what was left. Thanks folks for a great evening.

Many friends and relatives in the area were shocked by the fatal accident of Danny Davis, when his car was hit from behind. Danny was the son of Brian and Jackie Davis of Virginia on Hwy. 48 and the grandson of Betty Davis and the late Moss Davis of Maple Lake. Funeral services were held on Thursday in Sutton. Many of his high school friends attended as well as family and friends from this area. Danny was 19, a tragic waste of a fine young man.

The weather is the main topic of conversation these days with all the snow arriving early. It may let some of the businesses recoup some of their last winter's losses.

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Teen's actions an example of honesty, integrity

GOODERHAM

News

Anne Costeloe
447-2400

Despite all the bad news about youth and crimes, Gooderham residents have good reason to be proud of one of our local teens. Michelle Dovell recently found a lost wallet, containing $4000 in cash, and turned it over to the police. Those of you who read the Toronto Star might have noticed articles on page 3 of last Tuesday's paper and page 3 of last Wednesday's paper.

Michelle now lives in Oshawa, with her mother Sandra, where she is currently in her last year of high school. She was born at Haliburton Hospital and raised here in Gooderham. Michelle's father, Dale, and grandparents, Thomas and Vivian, are all Gooderham residents. It is so gratifying to hear that a child raised in our community can set such an exemplary example of honesty and integrity. We're proud of you, Michelle.

The Gooderham Santa Claus Parade is at 11 a.m. on Saturday. It will be followed by the Children's Christmas Party. The Children's Party will include an opportunity to visit with Santa - so don't forget to bring your camera! There will be refreshments and Christmas movies.

The Pentecostal Church will be holding its annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m. Admission is $5, to a maximum of $20 per family. There will be special music. For tickets contact Pastor Steeles at 447-2177.

The Glamorgan Volunteer Firefighters recently responded to a vehicle fire. There were no injuries, and the fire was contained to the vehicle. The fire was due to faulty wiring.

On Friday, December 1, the students at Gooderham Elementary School all had the opportunity to watch live theatrical performances. Kindergarten through Grade 3, travelled to Haliburton to see the play "The Velveteen Rabbit". Grades 4 through 6 travelled to Wilberforce to see the play, "Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing". Over the past few weeks, the students have all been busy rehearsing for their Christmas Concert. It is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 7:15 p.m., at the Community Centre. The school has been resounding with the children's musical efforts as they practice their recorders and performances.

Euchre results for Thursday, November 23 are: men's high score - Bob Winder; lone hand - Bill Peacock; women's high score - Elva Bates; lone hand - Gwen Taylor; booby prize - Jean Wilmott. Thursday, December 7 will be the last euchre night for 1995. Euchre will resume again in the New Year.

The seniors have been going bowling on Sundays. If there is enough interest they will get a league going. If you want more information, contact Elsie Brown at 447-2429.

Gooderham Elementary School "Student of the Week" is Brandon Loney. Brandon, who is in Grade 1, is being recognized for his progress in learning to read. Keep up the good work Brandon.

EFFORTS RECOGNIZED: Gord Schakelaar accepts the C.H.A.C.E. Volunteer of the Year award from Sue Grieves as his wife, Beryl, looks on.

A sparkling new jewel glistens in West Guilford

WEST GUILFORD

News

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

On November 27, 1995, Emerald Grace was born at Soldiers' Memorial Hospital in Orillia, a daughter for John and Judy Henderson. Congratulations! Proud grandparents are Ruth Griffin and Rod and Jean Henderson.

Rosa and Hank Van Nood celebrated their fortieth anniversary at the home of their son, Richard and Shelley Van Nood, near Donald, on November 25. A family dinner and open house welcomed about 30 guests, some from North Bay and Toronto as well as immediate family, Don and Jane Van Nood and family, Chumbleys and Sissons. We wish the Van Noods much happiness and congratulate them on this special wedding anniversary.

The audience at Maple Lake United Church's 'Christmas in November' last Wednesday night included members from Minden United's congregation. Participants in choir or play or solo (Hazel Dorman) sang to Kathleen Owens' accompaniment. Following the program, a silent auction and refreshments kept everyone happily occupied in the basement area, all in all, an appropriate but relaxed beginning for the Christmas season.

The bazaar and bake sale at the centre on November 25 had many items of interest, one being the Calorie Counters' table of baking. Pam Rolfe, Merrie Barry, Marj Poole, Myra Marshall, Brenda Bain, Crystal Bain, Debbie Lambe, Jeanette Clarke, and Elaine Schmid all contributed to this table. Jean Randall manned her knitting table of most attractive and useful items from baby to adult wear. There were skits made by Bud Alderton, jewellery by Sheri Hawkins of Gelert, crafts by Flo Walker, beautiful sweatshirts made by Joan Dawes, and another table of older jewellery as well as more crafts over which Myra Marshall, Ila Griffin and Audrey Fountain presided. Dorothy Clements looked after items crafted by Vi Andrus, Bill Marshall and Grenville Griffin held away at the refreshment-lunch stand. Due to the first bad weather of the season sales were not all they might have been, but the enthusiasm of those present was quite evident and certainly enjoyable and worthwhile for those of us who did attend.

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The 3rd Annual Winefest held by Stanhope Recreation Committee was a great success. We would like to thank the craft people for putting on such a great display and sale, Eldorado Cheese for their donations and support and the committee members who worked so hard to put it together. Many thanks go out to The Fire House Restaurant, The Mill Pond, Ox Narrows Restaurant and Rudy's for their generous door prize donations. Also a special thanks to Firefighter "Gary" for spending all day with the "Ladies". All profits will be donated to the "Firefighter's Rescue Vehicle Fund."

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OUR SINCERE THANKS to Dr. Conway for the care and compassion given to the late Frank Kemedinger during his recent illness. Also the nurses and doctors at the Haliburton Hospital, the VON and Home Care. Thanks to Dwayne Lloyd and staff at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, and all our friends for their support. **The Baumgartner Family.**

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330 THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE to say a heartfelt thank you to all the people who were there for us and Kevin on November 26th when he was involved in an accident while returning to the University of Ottawa. A special thank you to Jerry Gordan and the other passersby who assisted Kevin and Vicky at the scene, the Dysart Fire Department, ambulance attendants and Minden OPP. To Dr. Ferracuti and the nurses of Haliburton Hospital, thank you. To all the friends who called, visited, sent fruit baskets and cards, thank you. If this accident had to happen we are thankful it was in Haliburton County and there was a hospital and staff there able to handle the emergency. Thank you everyone. Sincerely, **Ron, Denise and Kevin Buchanan.**

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to our children and grandchildren, neighbours, friends and relatives for helping make our 40th Wedding Anniversary a special day to remember. A special thank you for all the lovely gifts and cards. Many thanks, **Bruce and Viola Cook.**

THE HALIBURTON COUNTY Advisory Board for the Blind would like to thank all persons, businesses and organizations that have helped or contributed to the CNIB to make another successful campaign. **P. Ronald Barr, Campaign Chairman.**

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340 BIRTHS

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EVERITT, TAMARA HARPER, 7 lbs., 1 oz. Lea Harper and Larry Everitt are happy to announce the birth of their lovely daughter, a sister for Chela, at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, November 22, 1995 at Peterborough Civic Hospital. Delighted grandparents are Thelma Harper of Omemee and Margaret and Wilf Everitt of Kennisis Lake.

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390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
DAVIS, DANNY GORDON - Suddenly as a result of a motor vehicle accident on Saturday, November 25, 1995. Danny Davis of Virginia, beloved son of Jackie and Bryan Davis. Loving brother of Dennise, also of Virginia. Grandson of John Mason and the late Pearl of Minden and Betty Davis and the late Moss of Haliburton. Danny will be lovingly remembered by his aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation was held at the Taylor Funeral Home, 20846 Dalton Road, Sutton, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1995. Funeral Service was held in the chapel on Thursday, November 30, 1995 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Zephyr.

390 DEATH NOTICES

AT REST
At his home in Irondale, after a lengthy illness, on Monday, Dec. 4, 1995
WILFRED ARCHIE "MAX" HANCOCK
At the age of 81.
Loving husband of Margaret (nee Simmons). Dear father of Joyce and her husband the late Alan Brown, Dorothy and her husband Fay Reid, Wilfred and his wife Norma, Joe and his wife Nancy, Faye and her husband Garey Dewey, Tim and his wife Jean. Loving grandfather of fourteen grandchildren, and predeceased by one grandchild, and great grandfather of nine great grandchildren. Dear brother of Violet, Steve, Herb, Gertrude and predeceased by Sam, Harold, Grace, George and Joe. Resting at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main St., Minden from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 6th at 1:30 p.m. Interment Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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400 IN MEMORIAM

AUSTIN, EDNA - In loving memory of my wife Edna, who passed away December 8, 1988.
Your presence we miss,
Your memory we treasure,
Loving you always
Forgetting you never.
Your loving **husband Jack, sons Murray and Bill and all grandchildren.**

BAIN, LESLIE - In loving memory of a dear husband and father who passed away December 10, 1986.
Beautiful memories
Are wonderful things.
They last till the longest day,
They never wear out,
They never get lost,
And can never be given away.
To some you may be forgotten,
To others a part of the past,
But to us who loved and lost you,
Your memory will always last.
Sadly missed by **wife Marj and family.**

HUGHES, SHIRLEY: Loving mother and grandmother, passed away November 27, 1990.
Sad was the parting, no one can tell,
So sudden on earth the sorrow fell;
The blow was hard, the shock severe,
To part with one I loved so dear.
Dearer still as years depart
Her memory lives within my heart.
Sadly missed and always loved, **Joanne, Kirk, Kevin and Janine Harrison.**

MATHEWS, BENJAMIN DANIEL - In loving memory of our son, Ben, who died December 6, 1979.
God put Your arms around him
Keep him in your care
Make up for all he suffered
And all that was unfair.
He was someone very special
Who can never be replaced
His memory in our daily lives
Can never be erased.
Time can not steal the memories
We carry in our hearts
Nor take away the happy years
Of which he was a part.
Never forgotten and always loved, **Dad and Mom.**

410 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of Mary Richmond Hannah
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Mary Richmond Hannah, of the Township of Dysart, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 14th day of November, 1995, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 26th day of December, 1995.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 28th day of November, 1995. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS
In the matter of the estate of Olive Muriel Atkinson
All creditors and others having claims against the Estate of the late Olive Muriel Atkinson, of the Township of Monmouth, in the County of Haliburton, who died on or about the 13th day of November, 1995, are required to file the particulars of such claim with the undersigned solicitor for the said Estate on or before the 19th day of December, 1995.
AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last date named, the assets of the said Estate will be distributed amongst the persons entitled hereto by the Executor/Administrator of the Estate, having regard only to the claims of which the solicitor below shall have notice. Dated at Haliburton, Ontario this 21st day of November, 1995. RAYMOND G. SELBIE, Barrister, Solicitor, P.O. Box 186, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0.

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DORSET

News

Phyllis Briscoe
766-2237

We send birthday wishes to Weldon Tracy, who celebrates on December 7.

St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church is so appreciative of the response - over $1700 given by the people of Dorset, in the purchase of the Centennial tapes, "The Voices of Dorset". These tapes and the lasting enjoyment of them, have been given to the Dorset Library, where they may be purchased from the Recreation Centre, and they will make a copy of the tapes desired. The tapes will be sold at the original price, two voices for $10 and four voices for $15. The money realized will go to the maintenance of the Recreation Centre.

Congratulations to Lori and Peter Grouds who had a bundle of joy delivered to them on November 21. Nicholis Peter arrived weighing 7 lbs., 10 oz., a brother for two-and-a-half-year-old Melanie Rose, who has welcomed the new arrival with open arms.

The sponsors of the Christmas Bazaar wish to thank all those who came and made purchases of the many and varied articles offered for sale, making the afternoon a success. The various groups work hard to provide the numerous articles for sale but feel rewarded after a successful sale. The efforts of the workers as well as the patronage is greatly appreciated.

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